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AAMCO Continues to Support Military Veterans as “50 Cars in 50 States” Reaches Indiana

Iraq War veteran in Lafayette enjoys free car repairs from local AAMCO dealership

HORSHAM, Pa. – [AAMCO](#), the world’s largest chain of transmission specialists, celebrates Veterans Day by repairing the car of an Iraq War veteran in Indiana as part of its *50 Cars in 50 States* initiative in partnership with the [Military Order of the Purple Heart](#) (MOPH).

Edward Coates, a disabled Army veteran from Indiana, served four tours of duty in the Iraq War, from which he received three Purple Hearts. He was nominated to participate in AAMCO’s initiative by the MOPH department of Indiana. Mr. Coates is unemployed and has medical issues resulting from his combat service, but the condition of his 1999 Dodge van and financial situation prevented him from seeking a job and obtaining medical care he needs.

“I am so grateful for this generous gift,” said Edward Coates. “The repairs to my van from AAMCO will help me get back on my feet. This is a wonderful way to thank veterans for our service.”

Mr. Coates picked up his newly repaired vehicle Monday from the AAMCO of Lafayette service center at 4210 Commerce Drive, where the services were provided free of charge by the local AAMCO dealer. The van was inoperable, so AAMCO towed his van to the service center on Nov. 1 to make the necessary repairs. Ultimately, AAMCO replaced the van’s engine. AAMCO also replaced all necessary gaskets and seals, replaced all fluids and oil with new, and cleaned and adjusted the brakes.

“We are very happy to help a deserving military veteran like Mr. Coates,” said Tom Eden, owner of the AAMCO of Lafayette center. “Through AAMCO’s *50 Cars in 50 States* program, we are thanking veterans for their service by helping them get back on the road with car repairs they really need.”

“Veterans Day is a great reminder of the sacrifice and service of all military veterans,” said Marc Graham, president and CEO of AAMCO Transmissions, Inc. “AAMCO is strongly committed to supporting America’s veterans everyday and that is the sentiment behind our *50 Cars in 50 States* program.”

In celebration of its 50th anniversary in 2012, AAMCO partnered with the MOPH to give back to America’s veterans in communities across the U.S. Through the *50 Cars in 50 States* program, AAMCO is repairing the cars of 50 combat veterans, with the goal to repair one in each state. The Indiana vehicle is the fifth car repair that AAMCO has made through its partnership with the MOPH to commemorate 50 years of total car care service.

About AAMCO

[AAMCO](#) is the world's largest chain of transmission specialists and one of the leaders in total car care services. AAMCO has over 900 automotive centers throughout the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. Established in 1962, AAMCO centers are proud to have served more than 45 million drivers. For more information, visit www.AAMCO.com.

About the Military Order of the Purple Heart

The organization now known as the "[Military Order of the Purple Heart](#) of the U.S.A. Inc.," (MOPH) was formed in 1932 for the protection and mutual interest of all who have received the decoration. Chartered by the Congress, The MOPH is unique among Veteran Service Organizations in that all its members were wounded in combat. For this sacrifice, they were awarded the Purple Heart Medal. With grants from the MOPH Service Foundation, the MOPH and its Ladies Auxiliary promote Patriotism, Fraternalism, and the Preservation of America's military history. Most importantly, they provide comfort and assistance to all Veterans and their families, especially those requiring claims assistance with the VA, those who are homeless, and those requiring employment assistance. Through the VAVS program, MOPH volunteers provide assistance to hospitalized veterans at VA sites and State Veterans Homes.

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