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AAMCO'S "50 Cars in 50 States" Reaches Navy Veteran in Tennessee

White County Vietnam War Veteran enjoys free car repairs from Lebanon AAMCO Center

HORSHAM, **Pa.** – <u>AAMCO</u>, the world's largest chain of transmission specialists, continues its 50 Cars in 50 States initiative by repairing the car of a Vietnam War veteran in Tennessee through its partnership with the <u>Military Order of the Purple Heart</u> (MOPH).

Gordon R. Scott, a lifetime member of the MOPH, served in the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded in combat, resulting in the loss of his left leg. He is currently retired and lives in Quebeck, Tenn.

Mr. Scott relies on his 1988 Dodge Dynasty to attend multiple medical appointments each month at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Murfreesboro, Tenn., nearly 65 miles from his home. He also uses it for daily tasks and for visiting family and friends. The poor condition of his car has made it challenging for him to get around. Previously, Mr. Scott drove another vehicle, a manual pick-up truck, but pain stemming from his prosthetic left leg has made it difficult and dangerous for him to operate the clutch.

"I was astonished to learn that a civilian organization was stepping forward to show their appreciation for what our combat veterans had done by offering to repair a personal car that was needed to bring comfort and security to a veteran's life," said Gordon R. Scott. "Words cannot express my gratitude to the AAMCO organization, the corporate staff, especially the store owner in Lebanon, Tennessee, and the great feeling you have placed in my heart."

Mr. Scott picked up his newly-repaired car on April 12 from the AAMCO of Lebanon service center, at 1621 W. Main Street, Lebanon, Tenn., where the services were provided free of charge. Ultimately, the AAMCO team replaced Mr. Scott's engine, updated the suspension system and performed several additional services to ensure his vehicle will continue to serve him for years to come.

"It's a pleasure to participate in the *50 Cars in 50 States* program," said Brad Isbell, owner of AAMCO of Lebanon. "We are proud of the repairs that we made to Mr. Scott's car and are thankful for his and all veterans' service to our country."

In celebration of its 50th anniversary, 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.

About AAMCO

<u>AAMCO</u> 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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