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

Montgomery veteran and family enjoy free auto repairs from local AAMCO center

HORSHAM, Pa. – [AAMCO](#), the world's largest chain of transmission specialists and leader in total car care, continued its *50 Cars in 50 States* initiative by repairing the a Navy veteran's family van in Alabama through its partnership with the [Military Order of the Purple Heart](#) (MOPH).

U.S. Navy veteran Michael A.J. Stewart served as a hospital corpsman during the Persian Gulf War, Desert Shield and Desert Storm, among other combat assignments. Now retired from the military, Mr. Stewart continues to serve his country, working in logistics at the Tuskegee Veterans Administration Medical Center. He lives in Montgomery with his wife, Pamela, and eight children from the ages 4 months to 13 years.

Mr. Stewart and his family rely on their 1992 12-passenger Chevrolet van to travel to home school events, medical appointments, visit family and attend church functions. The van stopped running altogether in January, but due to financial constraints, the family could not afford the extensive repairs needed. The MOPH Department of Alabama nominated Mr. Stewart to participate in AAMCO's initiative.

"Our van had multiple problems, and our family was in a pinch in the worst possible way, but AAMCO went above and beyond the standard care that was expected," said Mr. Stewart. "If there were more companies in America like the AAMCO in Montgomery and its staff, I am sure that America could get up on her feet once again."

Mr. Stewart and his family picked up their newly repaired van on April 16 from the AAMCO of Montgomery service center, at 110 Eastdale Road South, where the services were provided free of charge. Repairs were made to the transmission, fuel pump, the air conditioning and heating system, brake pads, and parking lights. Additional services were performed to ensure Mr. Stewart's vehicle will continue to serve him and his family for years to come.

"It's an honor to have an opportunity to support those who protect our freedom and give so much in the process," said Patrick Moton, owner of the AAMCO of Montgomery center.

In celebration of its 50th anniversary, AAMCO partnered with the MOPH to give back to America's veterans in communities across the country. 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 to commemorate 50 years of total car care service.

About AAMCO

[AAMCO](#) is the world's largest chain of transmission specialists and a leader in total car care services. AAMCO has over 900 independently owned and operated 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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