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## **AAMCO Repairs New Hampshire Veteran's Car as Part of "50 Cars in 50 States" Program**

*Rockingham County Iraq War Veteran Enjoys Free Car Repairs from AAMCO of Manchester*

**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 car of an Iraq War veteran in New Hampshire through its partnership with the [Military Order of the Purple Heart](#) (MOPH).

Kenith Chase is a combat-disabled veteran from Sandown, N.H. He served as a U.S. Army Sergeant E5 in the Iraq War. Mr. Chase was awarded the Purple Heart for serious injuries he suffered during his service. Mr. Chase relies on his 2004 Acura RL to participate in volunteer activities, attend medical appointments and to get to his classes at Granite State College. He also serves as the Adjutant for the MOPH national Region One. The failing condition of his car and financial situation have made it challenging for him to reliably get to all of his obligations. Mr. Chase was nominated to participate in AAMCO's program by the MOPH Region One commander.

"In today's tough economy, it is hard enough to survive and move on, let alone be unable to work," said Mr. Chase. "Due to my injuries, I was forced out of a good job with the government and medical retirement is not the retirement that I had seen myself to be a part of at such a young age. AAMCO has graciously accepted my vehicle for the *50 Cars in 50 States* program and this is a godsend. My current vehicle is one that I use often for school and I honestly cannot afford the repairs, being a disabled veteran on a fixed income. I am grateful to the AAMCO staff, and local locations, for their incredible service to our Nation's combat wounded."

Mr. Chase picked up his newly repaired car today from the AAMCO of Manchester service center, at 792 Gold Street, where the services were provided free of charge. After Mr. Chase dropped his car off, AAMCO technicians conducted a thorough diagnostic inspection to determine all repairs needed. Ultimately, they replaced the timing belts, plugs, two seat belts, installed four new tires, and provided a full tune-up. They performed additional services, including an auto detail, to ensure his vehicle will continue to serve him for years to come.

“Kenith Chase is a brave patriot who has sacrificed a lot for our country,” said Tom Romano, general manager at AAMCO of Manchester. “It is an honor and pleasure to help him with this car repair through the *50 Cars in 50 States* program.”

In celebration of its 50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.AAMCO.com) is the world's largest chain of transmission specialists and a leader in total car care services. AAMCO has over 900 automotive centers throughout the United States and Canada. Established in 1962, AAMCO centers are proud to have served more than 45 million drivers. For more information, visit [www.AAMCO.com](http://www.AAMCO.com).

### **About the Military Order of the Purple Heart**

The organization now known as the "[Military Order of the Purple Heart](http://www.moph.org) 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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