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AAMCO Repairs Florida Veteran's Car as Part of "50 Cars in 50 States" Program

Orlando Vietnam War Veteran Enjoys 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 car of a Vietnam War veteran in Florida through its partnership with the [Military Order of the Purple Heart](#) (MOPH).

Eduardo Figueroa is a U.S. Army veteran from Orlando. He was awarded the Purple Heart for serious injuries he sustained in combat during the Vietnam War. Mr. Figueroa relies on his 2001 Acura MDX to get around and to attend medical appointments, but his financial situation and the failing condition of his vehicle have prevented him from doing so. Mr. Figueroa was nominated to participate in AAMCO's program by the MOPH Region IV commander.

"I am so thankful to AAMCO for helping me with this car repair," said Mr. Figueroa. "As a proud military veteran, it is wonderful to know there are companies that appreciate and support our sacrifice and service."

Mr. Figueroa picked up his newly repaired vehicle today from the AAMCO of Orlando service center, at 6304 E. Colonial Drive, where the repairs were provided free of charge. After Mr. Figueroa dropped off his SUV, AAMCO technicians conducted a thorough diagnostic inspection to determine all repairs needed. Ultimately, they performed a transmission rebuild to ensure his vehicle will continue to serve him for years to come.

"Since before the American revolution, men and women have risked their lives for our freedom," said Curtiss Kinard, AAMCO of Orlando owner. "This is an incredible service that they provide without even knowing us. We are glad to honor that sacrifice by returning our service to them. We are proud to help Mr. Figueroa and we feel fortunate that we are able. I hope our gesture inspires others to help our many great U.S. veterans."

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 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.

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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