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AAMCO'S "50 Cars in 50 States" Reaches Veteran Army Specialist in New York

Gulf War veteran in Buffalo enjoys free car repairs from local AAMCO dealership

HORSHAM, Pa. – [AAMCO](#), the world's largest chain of transmission specialists, continued its *50 Cars in 50 States* initiative by repairing the car of a Gulf War veteran in New York through its partnership with the [Military Order of the Purple Heart](#) (MOPH).

Veteran Army Specialist Marilyn Gibson, served in the Gulf War for five years, from 1986 to 1991 and then as an Army Reservist for six years. She suffers from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), resulting from her military service. Gibson relies on her 2007 Saturn Aura to get to work and her volunteer commitments and to take her two children to their activities. Gibson is a tax auditor and is active with several social service and church programs in Buffalo. She volunteers several times per week with local youth mentoring programs to combat youth violence. Recently she had to stop driving because her car stalled and would not go in reverse, and she could not afford the repairs needed. When she discovered AAMCO's *50 Cars in 50 States* program on [its website](#), she applied through the New York department of the MOPH to be nominated.

"I am so grateful for this timely gift from AAMCO," said Marilyn Gibson. "I am thrilled to be able to have a properly working car to get to work safely and to help my children get around."

Gibson picked up her newly repaired car on Friday October 5 from the AAMCO service center in Amherst, N.Y. at 3454 Sheridan Drive, where the services were provided free of charge. She had dropped off her car at the Amherst center the previous week, where it was first inspected to determine repairs needed. Ultimately, the AAMCO team performed a transmission rebuild and additional services to ensure Gibson's vehicle will continue to serve her and her family for years to come.

"It's an incredible opportunity to participate in this *50 Cars in 50 States* program and to give back to help those who have honorably served our country," said J. Randy Steiner, owner of the five AAMCO regional centers. "We hope Ms Gibson's car will now run efficiently for years to come."

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 New York vehicle is the third 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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