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AAMCO'S "50 CARS IN 50 STATES" REACHES ARMY SERGEANT IN TEXAS

*Active duty Army Sergeant in Central Texas enjoys free car repairs
from local AAMCO dealership*

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

Sergeant Robert Griffin, a lifetime member of the MOPH, is an active duty member of the U.S. Army. After serving three tours of duty in Iraq, Sgt. Griffin suffers from medical conditions. He currently lives in Copperas Cove, Texas, with his wife and two children and serves at nearby Fort Hood with Alpha Company in the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center as a Hospital Education Non-commissioned Officer (NCO).

Sgt. Griffin and his wife share their Chevrolet truck and both rely on it to get to their jobs – he during the day and she for her night shift. The truck had not been working properly for some time, and the family could not afford all of the repairs needed. While Sgt. Griffin attempted to fix the vehicle, much of the work needed was beyond his ability.

"I am so appreciative of AAMCO's generous gift," said Sergeant Robert Griffin. "My family and I rely on this truck for everything, and it also has sentimental value. There is no way I could have made these necessary repairs without AAMCO's help."

Sgt. Griffin and his family picked up their newly repaired truck on Monday from the AAMCO service center in Killeen, Texas at 4110 East Veterans Memorial Boulevard, where the services were provided free of charge. He had dropped off his truck at the Killeen center on Tuesday, August 7, where it was first inspected to determine repairs needed. Ultimately, the AAMCO team made repairs to Sgt. Griffin's transmission, air conditioning, shocks, steering and lighting. Additional services were performed to ensure Sgt. Griffin's vehicle will continue to serve him and his family for years to come.

"We are so happy to help a deserving military family like Sergeant Griffin's," said Kathy Younker, owner of the AAMCO center in Killeen, Texas. "Our active military persons and veterans give so much to this country. It's an honor to give something back to them. For over 36 years, our family's AAMCO center on E. Veterans Memorial Boulevard has been repairing vehicles for

service men and women in the Fort Hood area. We are grateful to the entire military community for all they have done – serving this community at home and our nation abroad.”

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, one in each state. The Texas vehicle is the second of fifty car repairs that AAMCO plans to make 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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