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

Allentown Veteran Enjoys Free Car Repairs from AAMCO Center in Quakertown

HORSHAM, **Pa.** – <u>AAMCO</u>, 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 World War II veteran in Pennsylvania through its partnership with the <u>Military Order of the Purple Heart</u> (MOPH).

Clair E. Boatman is a World War II veteran from Allentown, Pa. He served in the Pacific Ocean theatre with the Army's 11th Airborne Division. Mr. Boatman was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds he received during the battle at Nichols Field in the Philippines in 1945. He relies on his 1997 Cadillac Catera to get around, running errands and to visit relatives in central Pennsylvania. The failing condition of his car has made it difficult for Mr. Boatman to get around, but since he is retired and living on a fixed income, he had not been able to get the repairs it needed. Knowing of his trouble, the MOPH Department of Pennsylvania nominated Mr. Boatman to participate in AAMCO's program.

"I'm so pleased and gratified with the results of AAMCO's program," said Mr. Boatman. "Everything is running and looking just great. Tom and his staff are certainly a credit to AAMCO's name and reputation."

Mr. Boatman picked up his newly repaired car May 1 from the AAMCO of Quakertown service center, at 49 South West End Boulevard, Quakertown, Pa., where the services were provided free of charge. After they received Mr. Boatman's car, AAMCO technicians conducted a thorough diagnostic inspection to determine all repairs needed. Ultimately, they provided repairs to the transmission, air conditioning system and wiper motor and provided additional services to ensure his vehicle will continue to serve him for years to come. AAMCO's Quakertown repair team provided a bonus service of washing and detailing the car as well.

"Our veterans sacrificed their lives to protect this country," said Thomas Hearn, owner of AAMCO of Quakertown. "Assisting Mr. Boatman with these car repairs is the least we can do."

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

<u>AAMCO</u> 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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