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To whom it may concern;

I am a disabled veteran suffering from numerous leg injuries incurred from eight years in the US Army Infantry. After being forced to run on a sprained ankle for years, I destroyed my right ankle muscles. The army performed reconstructive surgery on it in 1987. I had to have the ankle reconstructed again about 12 years or so later.

In 2009/2010 my ankle started displaying the same symptoms I previously encountered prior to requiring each reconstructive surgery. Certain movements caused a searing shot of pain in my ankle, like it had been jolted by a cattle prod. The VA hospital advised me that there was nothing that could be done for me except to fuse the ankle. As this sounds pretty drastic, I chose to get a second opinion from a civilian specialist. I was referred to Dr. Powers by the civilian doctor am seeing for both my knees.

On my first visit, Dr. Powers knew exactly what was causing my pain. Both of my reconstructive surgeries had left a very large scar along the outside of my right ankle. He believed my pain was the result of the nerve in my ankle. He tested this theory in his office by injecting this nerve in my lower right calf with a numbing agent, creating a very temporary nerve block. Within ten minutes, my ankle pain was completely gone.

He then performed surgery and severed this nerve just above my ankle. A piece of the scar tissue was sent off and the results confirmed my nerve was running through all that scar tissue and causing my pain. The surgery was a huge success as I continue to be pain free. I have an area behind my ankle that has no feeling, a small price to pay to finally be pain free.

Dr. Powers is amazing and I wouldn't hesitate to refer anyone to him. In fact, my mother is planning on seeing him about ankle and foot issues she has had her whole life. I have absolutely no doubt he will be able to solve her problems so that she can finally be pain free, just as I am.

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