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MANEUVER SUPPORT & SUSTAINMENT TEST DIRECTORATE

Dr. Bruce Markman, M.D., *Doc Markman!*

Please accept this note and included poker-chip in appreciation for all you have done for me over the past four years in which you conducted four major surgical procedures to repair and restore both of my shoulders and arms.

After more than 30 years of a demanding Army career, the overuse and damage finally caught up with me. My shoulders and biceps needed a talented orthopedic surgeon to put me back together. Thank you for your talent, skill, and expertise as a surgeon and healer to relieve my pain and return mobility to my shoulders. I also appreciate your compassion and bedside manner. Each time, you took the time to explain the medicine and science behind the procedures and even opened-up a bit during our side-bar conversations. I wish you all the best in the future for your medical practice and many blessings for you and your family.

I think we share the small prayer below. For me, this blessing has a very special significance. During an extremely stressful and emotionally draining 16 months in Iraq, I heard it every Sunday. The old Chaplain's (Priest's) blessing gave me new hope each Sunday to bear the next week's burdens and trials. May...

*"The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."*

Sincerely,

Kevin S. Brown
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