

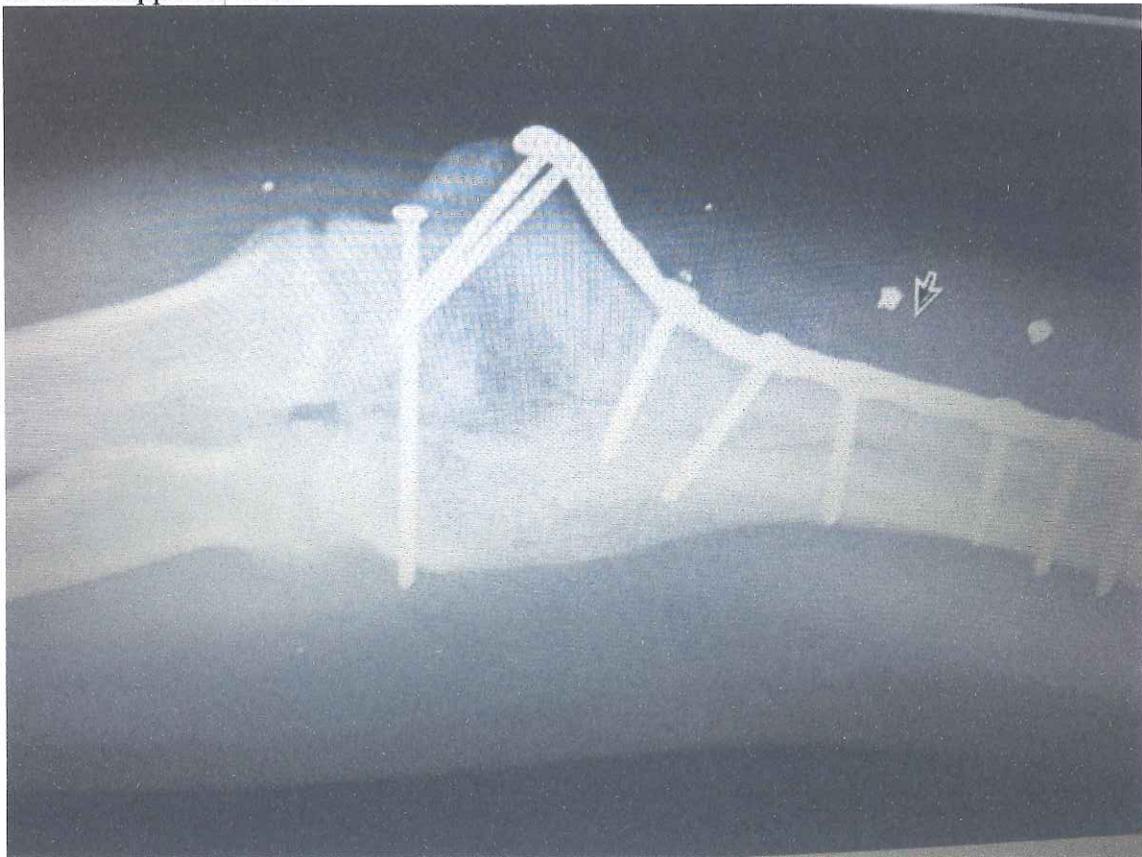
SB NO 700

I am SFC Micah Welintukonis I come to you today as a combat wounded veteran and a Private Citizen. I am in full support of Combat Wounded Veterans to not have to pay dues to any organization in order to receive his/hers combat wounded plates.

In addition I propose the state waive the \$79 fee, it is an insult to charge someone who was wounded, while serving their country, and their state.

I also propose that the State of Connecticut reimburses those fees.

We wounded veterans did not choose our injuries, and we live with the pain, and the scars, and the emotions. We pay for it everyday of our lives, and it is a constant reminder of what happened to us.



My Left arm Currently with over 20 pieces of scrapnel

Thank You