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Veterans, America deserve better

To the editor:

In reference to your article dated March 11 exposing the abysmal failure of our government to treat returning military veterans was not at all a surprise ("National military health care problems extend to N.H."). We live in a country where the Pentagon and our congressional representatives are more concerned with funneling billions of dollars to campaign contributors and military contractors than with the struggles of our injured American service people.

Being a vet I often ask why it is so impossible to shift just a small fraction of our military spending to other areas of our budget, such as veterans affairs and universal single-payer health care.

Evidence shows that we waste \$60 billion each year on obsolete Cold War weapons and producing another 10,000 nuclear weapons. How many nukes do we need? Who do we intend on using this vast amounts of nukes on? These are weapons that America doesn't need to stay safe. We will never use them. The only reason we keep them is to funnel more billions to the Halliburtons of the world.

In fact after receiving billions in no bid contracts from our government, Halliburton has just announced they are moving their corporate headquarters to the Mid East.

Veterans deserve better. America deserves better. It's time for sensible budget priorities and corporations that give back to the country that made them grossly wealthy.

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