

Decade of war, decade of profit

Robin Reid's Nov. 15 letter, "Tally sheet," asked for anyone to explain what has been gained after more than 10 years of war in Afghanistan.

It's pretty simple actually. What has been gained is the same thing that has been gained in all the wars since World War II: huge amounts of money for the makers of munitions and all the products that are needed for war.

In the case of Vietnam, there was a little more gained. We have another communist country that makes nice, cheap clothes. And of course, the Middle East wars were only fought in places that have lots of oil. The leaders of Afghanistan are receiving tons of our money, so they want us to stay as long as possible. Dwight D. Eisenhower said it best in the 1950s: "Beware of the military-industrial complex." That has been long forgotten.

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