

## Bosses Dump PTSD Program:

# **WIN VETS TO JOIN WAR FOR WORLDWIDE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION**

SEATTLE, WA--This past week there have been several articles published in the *Seattle Times* and *New York Times* about an investigation at Madigan Army Medical Center (Ft. Lewis, Washington).

Since 2003 there has been an intensive-treatment program there for soldiers returning from Iraq and/or Afghanistan, who suffer from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Some of these soldiers had been deployed multiple times, even after being wounded or diagnosed with PTSD.

Most of the time they were put on anti-depressants and shipped right back into combat. Since they have returned home, many suffer from flashbacks, nightmares and other sleep disorders. Some have severe paranoia and fear that someone is out to kill them, so they carry a weapon at all times. Domestic violence is common. Families break apart.

The Madigan PTSD program, however, was closed in 2010, the same year that 18,000 soldiers returned to Ft. Lewis from the bosses' bloody wars.

But the war is not over for these soldiers and their families. Now they must fight those who

seek to deny them their benefits and retirement by reversing the PTSD diagnosis.

Dr. William Keppler is a retired Army officer who heads the forensic psychiatric team assessing the PTSD diagnoses of soldiers under consideration for medical retirement at Madigan. He has said that these soldiers were malingerers who were lying or exaggerating their symptoms!

One member of the team broke every rule of patient confidentiality when he mentioned a patient by name, declaring that he does not have PTSD.

Another Nazi psychiatric team member said that these soldiers could cost the Army \$1.5 million over a lifetime, so they had to make sure no one was "rubber stamping" PTSD diagnoses!

Yet they had no problem appropriating billions of dollars to run their wars in the Middle East.

Doctors and other professionals are being used as the "gate keepers" to the healthcare system.

President Obama said in his State of the Union address, "When you put on that (U.S. Army) uniform, it doesn't matter if you are black or white" blah, blah, blah. However, it seems that it does matter if you are a worker who comes back from

war all messed up. They don't want to pay your retirement or medical benefits.

The working class cannot go on like this. We are forced to "need" jobs and money to survive under capitalism. But, under communism we will abolish money. We will not have "jobs" that pay most workers barely enough to survive and a few way too much. We will have work, which we will do collectively. We will receive what we need. And we will not fight workers in another part of the world to grab oil or other resources. We will make decisions based on what materials are needed to live safe and efficient lives...not based on private profit or national ownership.

To do this, we must mobilize the masses to rise up and defeat capitalism forever. This is indeed, a huge task. We can start by getting our literature out to as many workers, students, and soldiers as possible. Talk to them about these ideas. Discuss why another candidate, or a version of capitalism that is more "fair" will not work. Invite them to our political and social events. March with them on May Day. A communist revolution is the only solution!