**TRADE-OFFS IN THE BALANCE:**

**THE COST OF WAR TO *ALAMANCE COUNTY* TAXPAYERS**

**We will have paid** **$ 578.9 MILLION**

**for OUR SHARE OF THE IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN WARS**

**. . . ALL of the following**

**every year for eleven years:**

* **139 Elementary school teachers *&***
* **973 Head Start slots for children *&***
* **2,663 Households converted to all**

 **solar energy *&***

* **1,081 Military veterans receiving**

**VA medical care *&***

* **1,397 People receiving low-income healthcare *&***
* **149 Police or Sheriff’s Officers *&***
* **1,354 Students receiving Pell grants**

**of $5550**

**(as of Sept. 30, 2012)**

**BUT we COULD HAVE HAD THIS:**

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**we will pay**

**$217.9 MILLION**

**for our share of the FY 2012 defense Budget.**

**IF that budget were**

**. . . ALL of the following**

**for one year:**

* **58 Elementary school teachers *&***
* **403 Head Start slots for children *&***
* **1,102 Households converted to all**

 **solar energy *&***

* **448 Military veterans receiving**

**VA medical care *&***

* **578 People receiving low-income healthcare *&***
* **62 Police or Sheriff’s Officers *&***
* **561 Students receiving Pell grants**

 **of $5550**

**reduced by just 10%,**

**we could have this:**

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*Source:* National Priorities Project: <http://costofwar.com/en/tradeoffs/state/NC/county/alamance-county/program/14/tradeoff/0/>