We have had no new requests since December so this is an update letter. Please fill in and return the questionnaire so we can improve our process.

Report on appeal #46: (December 2014)

Number of active contributors: 122
Inactive members: 104
Amount requested: $4,884
Total collected: $4,740 (97%)

WTRPF statement of purpose: “The War Tax Resistance Penalty Fund provides a process of mutual support through which war tax resisters and their supporters can distribute financial assistance to war tax resisters whose taxes are collected and for whom the collection of penalties and interest is a burden. In providing this mutual support, the Penalty Fund hopes to sustain and expand war tax resistance as a form of conscientious objection to war.”

With your help we have supported war tax resisters this year with $23,000 to replace funds seized from them for their war tax penalties and interest. Here is news from those we have helped.

Robert Randall. Robert lives in Brunswick, Georgia, and has attended practically every NWTRCC meeting since its inception. We were able to reimburse him 100% of what he requested. ($5,776) He writes, “In your next communication to the members of the WTRPF I hope you will convey to all of them our (mine and Linda’s) sincerest thanks and appreciation for their helping us to weather my recent year-long garnishment. Thanks to the mutual support of our war tax resistance community we have come through it financially solvent and ready to get through our current phase of wtr, which is utilizing the Affordable Care Act to offset income taxes with insurance premium tax credits... If these are the results which the WTRPF can achieve for all wtr’s, then we truly have a mechanism to enable more people to step out in resistance to paying for war – and one which hints at the kind of mutually caring community for which we strive.”

John Lindsay Poland. John is from Oakland, California, and has been resisting war taxes since the mid-1980s. We were able to reimburse him 100% of what he requested. ($4,211) He writes, “Thanks so much for sorting through this and writing back. … I want to reiterate that I am grateful for any support, and also that the process is complicated and am open to correction of errors.”

Larry Bassett. Larry lives in Lynchburg, Virginia, and has worked for CMTC, NWTRCC, and the NCPTF at various times. He was pleased “to be able to earn a living at a job that I felt honored to be able to have.” We were able to reimburse him 100% of what he requested. ($247). He writes, “Thanks for keeping this going, Peter.”

Jon Marley. Jon has been a non-filer “in the belief that is a waste of time and emotional energy to interact with the IRS at all. I have not, however been a silent resister.” Jon has posted his status as a war tax resister on Facebook, provides counseling, support, and information to potential and current resisters, and has been deeply involved in operating the People's Life Fund (NCWTR's alternative fund which annually distributes grants to social justice and peace groups in northern California). We have been able to reimburse him 64% of what he has requested ($9,397 out of $14,725).

Please fill in the survey on the other side and attach it to an email message to clearbridge@fastmail.com or mail to Shulamith Eagle, PO Box 1018, Middlebury, 05753. The information provided will help us improve our work for war tax resisters.

WTRPF Steering Committee: Peter Smith (Indiana), Shulamith Eagle (Vermont), Bill Ramsey (North Carolina), Shirley Whiteside (Colorado)
To make a contribution to our work: visit www.wtrpf.org Questions: email webmaster@nwtrec.org or call Peter at 574-532-3720. Since online donations go through Paypal, a $1.17 fee is deducted from a $30 donation.

Send checks payable to our fiscal sponsor CMTC to:
Conscience and Military Tax Campaign
PO Box 2096
Mars Hill, NC 28754

Note: Please do NOT make your check payable to WTRPF. We will not be able to deposit it in our CMTC account!

If you or someone you know is currently having their assets seized by the IRS and needs help with the penalties and interest, please let us know.

Survey at End of the First Year Since Reorganization of WTRPF

Some time in the past year you indicated that you wanted to support the war tax resisters penalty fund. The fund attempts to spread out the burden of war tax penalties seized from war tax resisters, and our guideline is to drop supporters who have not been in contact. We have not heard from you on our appeals so far. As a community supporting war tax resisters, we value everyone’s opinion. Please take a few minutes to answer this survey. We always welcome your comments.

If you received this by postal mail, please return it to:
Shulamith Eagle
PO Box 1018
Middlebury, VT 05753

Has the Penalty Fund met your expectations?

Are there ways we can change how the Penalty Fund works in order for you to be able to, or want to, participate?

Do you want to stay on our membership list for the next year?

Thank you from the steering committee.

Your name: _______________________________

Your email address _______________________________

For future appeals:

_______ Yes, I want to receive WTRPF appeals in the future and it is OK to send them by email

_______ Yes, I want to receive WTRPF appeals in the future but please send them by regular mail

_______ No, please remove my name from the WTRPF mailing list