

War Tax Resisters Penalty Fund

Appeal #45, Summer 2014

Share amount requested of each member: \$30.00

Seeking a total: \$6,341 in contributions

See details of the requests from three resisters below:

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Please respond within two weeks after receiving this appeal if possible.

NOTE: We welcome all contributions, even if they are less (or more!) than the share amount.

Report on appeal #44: (April 2014)
Number of active contributors: 174
Inactive members 263
\$10,410 requested
Total collected: \$8,170 (79%)

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.”*

REQUESTS INCLUDED IN APPEAL #45

Robert Randall. Robert lives in Brunswick, Georgia, and has attended practically every NWTRCC meeting since its inception. He has also been a key organizer for the NWTRCC tabling at the School of the Americas protest every November. He was dismayed that “Unfortunately, approximately ½ of federal income tax money, which goes into the U.S. general fund, gets spent in some way on past, present, or future war. Congress still has not, as it should have, supplied a way for religious conscientious objectors to pay taxes without violating our religious beliefs. I, and others like me, are therefore left with no alternative but to not pay, since I certainly cannot willingly disobey God.” Robert is seeking to recover **\$891.79** in Penalties and Interest seized by the IRS for tax year 2011. He expects that the IRS will continue to garnish his wages for refused taxes from earlier years, so he will probably be asking for assistance again in the near future.

John Lindsay-Poland. John is from Oakland, California, and has been resisting war taxes since the mid-1980s. “It has been of a whole with a public refusal to register for the draft, with accompaniment of courageous activists in Central America threatened with violence by U.S.-funded militaries, and the research and organizing I do on U.S. militarism with the Fellowship of Reconciliation, by whom I’ve been employed since 1989. I have not filed federal taxes, preferring instead to redirect funds to social organizations over the years.” The IRS has seized John’s funds for tax years 2002 and 2004 for which he paid **\$4,211** in interest and penalties. “It is my intention to continue to resist payment of war taxes, which may require substantial changes in my employment ... but I will attempt to continue my work for demilitarization of U.S. policy in whatever ways possible.”

We were able to reimburse John **\$2,769.74** from the last appeal. The Steering Committee has decided to ask for **\$1,441.26** for him in this appeal, the remainder of the amount that John has requested.

Jon Marley. Jon has been a non-filer “in the belief that it is a waste of time and emotional energy to interact with the IRS at all. I have not, however, been a silent resister.” John 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 organizations in Northern California). When someone exposed his tax resistance to the IRS and his employer, the East Bay Community Law Center that employs him ignored calls for his dismissal. Haunted by Richard Nixon’s famous quip during an antiwar demonstration in 1970 (“Let them march all they want, as long as they pay their taxes”), John has kept up his resistance for 23 years, determined not to give permission for war through voluntary surrender of his taxes. He asks for assistance to pay statutory additions for years 2002, 2004, 2005, and 2006 in the amount of **\$14,725**.

We were able to reimburse Jon **\$6,153** from the last appeal and have decided to ask for only **\$4,008** for him in

this appeal in order to keep the share affordable. We will ask for the remainder of the amount that Jon has requested in the next appeal.

To pay your share online: visit www.wtrpf.org Questions: email webmaster@nwtrcc.org or call Peter at 574-532-3720.

To pay your share by mail:

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 received this appeal by regular mail, please consider receiving appeals by email to save trees and money. You can respond by email to webmaster@nwtrcc.org.

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

If we have not heard from you for a year, we will remove your name from our mailing list.

Sincerely,

New WTRPF Steering Committee: Peter Smith (Indiana), Shulamith Eagle (Vermont), Bill Ramsey (North Carolina), Shirley Whiteside (Colorado), Jerry Chernow (Wisconsin)