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Dear friends,

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has brought the horror of war back into the forefront of many in the U.S. who never think about it. It has been easy for many to condemn the actions of a hostile, powerful, and well-funded military when it is somebody else's. It is much easier for NPR and late-night hosts to talk about war crimes when the perpetrator does not live in the White House.

If you are reading this letter, you already know that the largest-funded military in the world belongs to the United States. The U.S. military budget surpasses the budgets of the next nine highest-funded militaries combined. On a weekly basis—and often on a daily basis—the U.S. military is killing civilians using drones. This has not stopped during the invasion of Ukraine.

Although U.S. imperialism does not normally make headlines on the evening news, it is a reality that affects countless lives around the globe. And

with the help of NWTRCC's wonderful resources, I have been able to refuse the payment of taxes that fund this imperialism for over 20 years.

NWTRCC has always been a frugal organization that runs on a shoe-string budget. And thanks to the generosity of our network, NWTRCC has continued to provide resources on war tax resistance for 40 years.

To make this May appeal a bit more fun and interesting, NWTRCC's Fundraising Committee has organized a raffle. Included with this mailer, you will see a sheet of raffle tickets with prizes listed on the back. No donation is required to participate in the raffle, but we would appreciate your financial support. NWTRCC is only able to continue because of every donation it receives—both large and small.



Lincoln (right) at 2019 Tax Day protest on his wife's birthday.

To be entered in the raffle, simply fill out the raffle tickets and mail them back to NWTRCC... hopefully with a donation. If you normally donate online using PayPal or Resist, just send the office an email (at nwtrcc@nwtrcc.org) letting us know you would like to be entered into the auction, and we will fill out a sheet of tickets for you.

We are very thankful to all those folks who donated something for the raffle. Our top prize is a trip to Woolman Hill, which hosts the Nelson Homestead. Even if you do not win the top prize, making a pilgrimage to the Nelson Homestead might be something to consider at some point. The powerful peacemaking witness of Wally and Juanita—cofounders of the modern war tax resistance movement—is wonderfully displayed at their homestead. You can also take a virtual tour at www.nelsonhomestead.org.

I first discovered NWTRCC when I joined the Milwaukee Catholic Worker in 1998. Their bookshelf contained a copy of each practical booklet published by NWTRCC. A year later, Milwaukee War Tax Resistance hosted a NWTRCC conference, where I met some wonderful people, such as then NWTRCC Coordinator Mary Loehr and regular NWTRCC conference attendee Robert Randall. Although the conferences continue, most folks discover our literature online, with our website receiving visits from 40,000 unique visitors each year.

I am very proud to be part of NWTRCC's 40 year history, as well as part of the rich and diverse history of war tax resistance that spans diverse peoples and cultures throughout human history. The United States hosts the most well-funded military in the history of the world. **Your generous donation will help aid U.S. military divestment by ensuring NWTRCC can continue to provide resources for new and longtime war tax resisters.**

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lincoln Rice". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lincoln Rice