

How to Contribute to the Fund

- ◆ Write a check made out to our fiscal sponsor Conscience and Military Tax Campaign (CMTC) and send it to:

CMTC
PO Box 2096
Mars Hill, NC 28754

or

- Pay by secure credit card at:
www.wtrpf.org

Note: Donations to CMTC for the Penalty Fund are **not** tax deductible.

How to Join the Fund

Send us your name and street address by one of these methods:

- ◆ U.S. mail: 1036 N. Niles Ave, South Bend, IN 46617
- ◆ e-mail: webmaster@nwtrcc.org
- ◆ fill in the registration form at www.wtrpf.org

We will add you to the list of supporters who are committed to pay a share of resisters' penalties and interest.

Pay the assessed share or pay what you can. We keep your name on the list until you miss two appeals, or ask to be removed.

Who Administers the Fund?

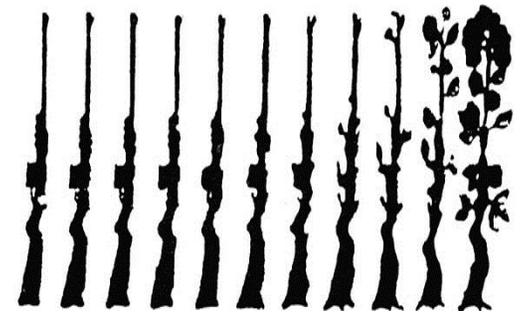
A steering committee made up of people from the National War Tax Resisters Coordinating Committee operate the fund. Contact us if you would like to serve:

Peter Smith (Indiana)
Bill Ramsey (North Carolina)
Jerry Chernow (Wisconsin)
Shulamith Eagle (Vermont)
Shirley Whiteside (Colorado)

How To Request Assistance

Send documents to WTRPF, 1036 N. Niles Ave, South Bend, IN 46617. You do not need to be members of the Penalty Fund before applying for aid, but we hope you will join afterward

War Tax Resisters Penalty Fund



The 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.

The Fund has been in existence for nearly 30 years.

Why People Resist Paying

Military tax resistance is a witness to the power of peace and the vigorous exercise of personal conscience. Besides that, we're buoyed by the fellowship of people who want to invest in nonviolent action.

Testimonies of Resisters

"I do not object to taxation of income, and I would not object to paying my fair share of taxes for positive, life-enhancing government programs, but I will not pay someone to kill in my name or to make weapons whose sole purpose is to threaten life. ... We must practice being moral in order to become moral."

"But even though [my tax refusal is] merely symbolic, it's something, some very little thing, in an effort to stand with those ... in Iraq, and those in the United States, who have gone without health care, decent schools, roads, lived in poverty so that we might spread the American empire across the globe."

"I cannot in conscience pay for war and killing, weapons and bombs, destruction of families and communities--these our federal taxes perpetuate. I have tried by the work I choose and the life style I have chosen, to, in a small way, create another reality in which violence and threat of violence are unimaginable and unuseful."



"I am trying to honestly live our Quaker testimony of peace. Should I strive to follow Quaker founder George Fox's dictum to see that of God in everyone, and then sell guns to people making war against them? Or shoot them myself? Or pay for others to do so? Impossible. I can't tell you how much better I feel now that I've stopped paying. I feel innocent again, and strong. I feel fearless. I feel simple. The inner turmoil and conflict is gone; I'm quiet on the inside."

"I am a Christian. It would be a mortal violation of my faith in God to pay for war or the preparation for war. Jesus died for each of us.... Attempts at "saving" ourselves or anything we may hold dear which include a willingness to kill those for whom Jesus has died is a denial of His gift of Life. I am completely and utterly constrained by God from voluntarily paying for war. "

How the Penalty Fund Works

About three times a year, the WTRPF Board reviews requests from resisters against whom the IRS has already moved. We ask resisters to provide proof of the penalties and interest collected.

We divide the total amount for all resisters by the number of active names on the membership list to arrive at a "share," then send out an appeal to our members. Each member pays one share or whatever amount she/he can afford. Some pay more than a share.

We try to keep each share at \$30 or less for each appeal. If necessary to do so, we may ask for less than the total amount requested and carry over the remainder to the next appeal.