

War Tax Resisters Penalty Fund

Appeal #49 Winter 2016

Share amount requested of each member: \$30.00

Seeking a total: \$5,184 in contributions

See details of the requests from the resister below

Make checks payable to CMTC (PO Box 2096, Mars Hill, NC 28754)

or pay by credit card at www.wtrpf.org

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 #48: (December 2015)

Number of active contributors: 145

Inactive members: 77

Amount requested: \$ 6,257

Total collected: \$6,257 (100%)

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.”*

David Zarembka. “I have always been a war tax resister as I started as a conscientious objector. In May 1961 when I was 18 years old, I had to sign up for the draft. This was well before the Vietnam War and I didn’t know anyone who was a conscientious objector. Nonetheless as I walked across Shaw Park in Clayton, Missouri, I said to myself, “I can’t kill anyone.” In 1971 when I began working in normal jobs where I might have a tax liability, I realized that it would be hypocritical for me to refuse to kill people myself, but then pay people to kill on my behalf. I began by deducting the percentage that the War Resisters League considered to be the amount going to the military. Since I was an easy target, the IRS would assess me for the amount I owed with penalties and interest and attach my wages. The War Tax Resistance Penalty Fund reimbursed me in the 1980’s for some of these years. I have been a loyal contributor to the WTRPF ever since as I like the concept that we are all in this together so that the IRS can’t just pick on one of us (as they just did with me) to discourage us all. In 1989 I listened to Wally Nelson and realized that if I paid some of the federal taxes, the same percentage of those taxes would be going to war making. So I began being a non-filer. By that time I did home repair for a living and so was under the radar. I nonetheless gave my resisted taxes away to organizations promoting life-enhancing activities. In this coming new Trump era, war tax resistance is going to become even more important.”



David asks for assistance to pay penalties and interest for 2005 amounting to \$5,184.

To make a contribution to our work: visit www.wtrpf.org Questions: email webmaster@nwtrcc.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 .

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