

How to Contribute to the Fund

- Pay by secure credit card at: www.wtrpf.org
OR
- Write a check made out to WTRPF and mail to:
**WTRPF, 1036 N. Niles Ave,
South Bend, IN 46617**

Note: Donations to WTRPF are not tax deductible.

How to Join the Fund

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

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

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.

How a War Tax Resister Can Request Assistance

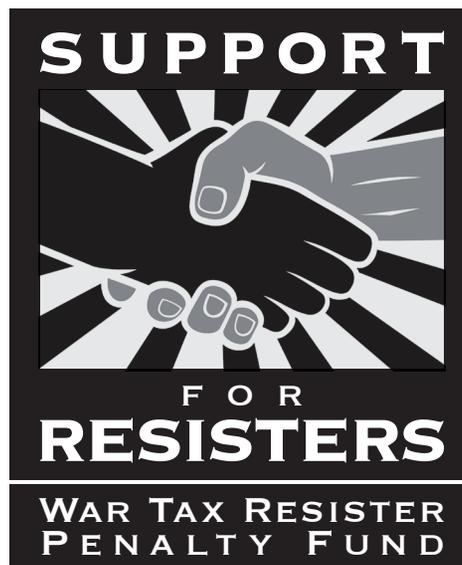
Send documents to **WTRPF, 1036 N. Niles Ave, South Bend, IN 46617**. You do not need to be members of the Penalty Fund before applying for aid, but we hope you will join afterward.

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Who Administers the Fund?

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

Peter Smith (Indiana)
Bill Ramsey (North Carolina)
Steve Leeds (California)
Shulamith Eagle (Vermont)
Shirley Whiteside (Colorado)



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Some People Won't Pay for War! Join Them.

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Why People Resist

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. The War Tax Resisters Penalty Fund is a way people can directly assist war tax resisters. When the IRS collects taxes owed, they often levy penalties and interest. The Penalty Fund reimburses resisters for penalties and interest collected. In providing this support, Penalty Fund members hope to sustain and expand war tax resistance as a form of conscientious objection to war. The Fund has been in operation since 1982.

Community of Supporters

It's easy to say "If you want peace don't pay for war". Endless War consumes around 50% of a taxpayer's tax debt. A war tax resister refuses to pay all or a portion of this tax, and in most cases redirects the unpaid amount toward life-affirming work. Interest and penalties are charged when the IRS identifies an unpaid tax debt and continue to accrue until the debt is paid. Once a resister is assessed a tax they owe, the IRS has 10 years to collect that tax. Interest and penalties can build up quickly. The fund does not pay the military tax, only the interest and penalties when someone is collected on by the IRS.

Shulamith, a board member, says although she never used the fund, it helped give her the courage to resist for the first time, just knowing

others had her back. Jazmyn says she once thought she might need the fund, but never did. "Being a contributor hinders the military machinery that seems to roll without interference." Fran "appreciates the courage of WTRs" and is glad to help.

The more members who participate, the more the burden of a levy is shared.

WTRPF Helps Resisters

Jon says, "Thanks to the support — material, emotional, intellectual, spiritual — of many activists, near and far, through the Penalty Fund, I feel that I am as firmly rooted in my resistance now as when I began way back in 1987."

When Dave applied to WTRPF for help with the penalties and interest he was "surprised at the quick response. ... it allowed me to pay off the bank loan and refund my emergency fund. Since my wife and I moved to Kenya in 2007, we have lived below the taxable income. I am determined to continue resisting any federal taxes that I can.



Jon



Dave

John says, "Since I am a full-time activist and writer, choosing between my job and conscientious refusal to pay for war would have been terribly difficult. So the Fund's support was especially meaningful to me."

Many Penalty Fund members say they aren't in position to be war tax resisters themselves at this time, but they strongly support the movement. So they very much appreciate the chance to help others who are, through the Fund.

How the Fund Works

About three times a year, the WTRPF Board reviews requests from resisters against whom the IRS has already moved. Tax resisters are asked to provide documentation of the penalties and interest collected.

The amount requested is divided by the number of Penalty Fund Members to arrive at a "share." A share is never more than \$30; if penalties and interest add up to more than this amount per member, it

is separated into more than one appeal. An Appeal letter is sent to members introducing the resister and requesting contribution of one share. Some supporters can't afford the full amount of a share; they pay what they can. Other members pay more than the requested amount. Spread out among all of us, we are able to send thousands of dollars to help war tax resisters continue resisting paying for war. If necessary to do so, we may ask for less than the total amount requested and carry over the remainder to the next appeal.