



WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE

Resisting War at Home & War Abroad since 1923

Resources for GI Rights and Resistance

Since our founding in 1923, the War Resisters League has been committed to supporting conscientious objectors, GI resisters, and military families. The current U.S. administration has made it clear that they intend to expand the use of military force on many fronts. For GIs considering their options, this list provides examples of stories of GI resisters, videos featuring WRL members, articles, book reviews, and a book published by War Resisters International.

Videos

- ***Sir! No, Sir: A Documentary***; <https://www.displacedfilms.com/films/sir-no-sir/>
Full film available via Films For Action: <https://www.filmsforaction.org/watch/sir-no-sir-the-suppressed-story-of-the-gi-movement-to-end-the-war-in-vietnam/>
- **Review of *Sir! No, Sir: A Documentary***:
“Sir! No Sir! GIs Just Say No” by Tod Ensign, WIN Magazine, Volume 23, Issue 3, Summer 2006 <https://www.warresisters.org/win/sir-no-sir/>
- **Interview with Vietnam vet turned anti-war activist Greg Payton**: In this 1.5 hour interview Greg describes his military service in Vietnam, racism in the military, and how it changed him and how he was saved by getting involved in peace activism around the world. August 9, 2023 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jRiWgB6v7Zk>

Articles

- **“From Soldier to Objector: Jose Vasquez, An Interview with Jose Vasquez”**
March 16, 2006, in *Nonviolent Activist*, Volume 27, Issue 2, March-April 2006. In January 2005, just days before his unit was to be mobilized for deployment to Iraq, Jose Vasquez turned in an application for conscientious objector status. In June 2005, he became a member of Iraq Vets Against the War, and later an organizer.
<https://www.warresisters.org/nva/from-soldier-to-objector-jose-vasquez/>
- **“G.I. Joe: Lessons for the Coffeehouse Movement”** by Tod Ensign, in *WIN Magazine*, Volume 26, Issue 3, Summer 2009. Drawing on our Vietnam War experience, Citizen Soldier decided to look into reviving a G.I. coffeehouse movement to oppose the Afghanistan and Iraq wars.
<https://www.warresisters.org/win/gi-joe-lessons-coffeehouse-movement/>
- **“WRL Annual Dinner” article mentions 1991 Peace Award to Gulf War resisters**, *The Nonviolent Activist* Volume 8, Issue 5, July-August 1991, p. 17:
<https://digitalcollections.tricolib.brynmawr.edu/object/WRL1229>

- “WRL Annual Dinner” article mentions **2006 WRL Peace Award went to Women Resisting War from Within the U.S. Military** as represented by Diedra Cobb, Anita Cole, Kelly Dougherty, Katherine Jashinski. The Award was presented by retired Col. and former State Department official Ann Wright. Article in *WIN Magazine*, Volume 23, Issue 3, Summer 2006. <https://www.warresisters.org/win/wrl-news-summer-2006/>
- “Partners for Peace Working with GIs” by Kathy Gilberd, National Lawyers Guild Military Law Task Force, *The Nonviolent Activist*, Volume 5, Issue 4, June 1988, pp. 6-7. <https://digitalcollections.tricolib.brynmawr.edu/object/WRL284>
- “From West Point to Resister” by David Wiggins, MD, *The Nonviolent Activist*, Volume 9, Issue 1, Jan/Feb 1991, pp. 3-5. <https://digitalcollections.tricolib.brynmawr.edu/object/WRL1287> “Resister Update” Sidebar, *The Nonviolent Activist*, Volume 9, Issue 1, Jan/Feb 1991, p. 5.

Book Reviews

- **A Call to Conscience: A Review of *Winter Soldier: Iraq and Afghanistan: Eyewitness Accounts of the Occupations*** by Aaron Glantz and Iraq Veterans Against the War, Haymarket Books, 2008; Review in *WIN Magazine*, Volume 26, Issue 1, Winter 2009 <https://www.warresisters.org/win/winter-soldier-iraq-and-afghanistan/>
- **The Rebellion of One Soldier: A Review of *Road from Ar Ramadi: The Private Rebellion of Staff Sergeant Mejia*** by Camilo Mejia, The New Press, 2007; Review in *WIN Magazine*, Volume 24, Issue 4, Fall 2007 <https://www.warresisters.org/win/rebellion-one-soldier/>

Book

- Ellen Elster and Majken Jul Sorensen (Eds.), ***Women Conscientious Objectors: An Anthology*** (War Resisters International, 2010). <https://www.warresisters.org/store/women-conscientious-objectors/>