

POLITICAL PRISONERS' BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER



Send a birthday card to these political prisoners. It's an easy way to help remind these freedom fighters that they aren't forgotten. If you make one, remember- don't use anything like white-out, stickers, tape or glitter. We also recommend that you put your name and address and their name and prisoner number on the card, lest the authorities "lose" the envelope and forget where it is going. If you would like to add a birthday or sign up for our poster mailing list, email us at **ppbirthday@riseup.net**. Brought to you with love by the Chapel Hill Prison Books Collective, **www.prisonbooks.info**.

SEKOU KAMBUI (W. TURK)
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Elmore, AL 36025-0056
September 6, 1948

Throughout the 1960's, Sekou participated in the Civil Rights movement, organizing youth to participate in demonstrations and marches across Alabama and providing security for meetings of various civil rights groups like SCLC, CORE, and SNCC.

Sekou became affiliated with the Black Panther Party in 1967 in Chicago and New York. While in Detroit, he became a member of the Republic of New Afrika. Back in Alabama, Sekou coordinated community organization activity with the Alabama Black Liberation Front, the Inmates for Action Defense Committee and the Afro-American People's Party in the mid 1970's. Sekou was also a soldier in the Black Liberation Army during these years before his capture.

Sekou was eventually falsely arrested and convicted of the murder of two white men: a KKK official from Tuscaloosa and a multi-millionaire oil man from Birmingham. He has been held captive since 1975. During this time he has been a jailhouse lawyer, and his legal reputation precedes him at every institution. In fact, many prisoners owe their freedom to Sekou's legal efforts on their behalf. He has also won numerous civil actions regarding medical malpractice, abusive treatment, abusive segregation, abusive prison conditions, all of which have earned him nothing but retaliatory transfers and continuing unabated enmity by officials of the Alabama DOC. Every attempt made to appeal his original conviction has been stymied by missing trial transcripts, illegal confiscation of lawbooks and legal research/trial preparation material, etc. **www.myspace.com/freese kou**

LEONARD PELTIER
#89637-132
USP Lewisburg
U.S. Penitentiary
P.O. Box 1000
Lewisburg, PA 17837
Sept. 12th, 1944

Leonard Peltier is a Native American political prisoner imprisoned for a 1975 shoot-out between the FBI and the American Indian Movement (AIM) in which two federal agents and a Native American man were killed. Four years after his incarceration, a Freedom of Information Act suit released documents which prove Leonard Peltier's innocence and the FBI's targeting of the activist. Leonard was a close associate of Dennis Banks (one of the founders of AIM). **www.whoisleonardpeltier.info**

STEVE JAMES MURPHY
#39013-177
FCI Beaumont Medium
Federal Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 26040
Beaumont, TX 77720
September 3, 1966

Steve Murphy is a vegan political prisoner who plead guilty to a 2006 E.L.F. action in Pasadena, California. The action involved decommissioning a tractor and placing an incendiary device in a housing development construction site in the name of the Earth Liberation Front. Steve was sentenced to five years in prison. **www.supportsteve.org**

SEAN SWAIN
#243205
Mansfield Correctional Institution
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Mansfield, OH 44901
September 12th, 1969

Sean Swain is an anarchist/indigenous prisoner and former union organizer. He is fighting his conviction by citing the US government's illegal occupation of native land, also by running for governor of Ohio from prison as a Zapatista candidate in 2010.

BRIAN MCCARVILL
#11037967
Oregon State Penitentiary
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September 27, 1952

Brian is a radical social prisoner who successfully brought a lawsuit against the Oregon Department of Corrections, along with former political prisoner Robert Thaxton, challenging the censorship and rejection of anarchist publications. The lawsuit alleged that ODOC frequently censored radical materials "simply on the basis that they portrayed the anarchist circle-A symbol, the Anarchist Black Cross symbol, the anarchist black flag, and the terms 'anarchism' and 'anarchist.'" He loves correspondence as well as writing letters and articles for publications.