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Nonviolent Direct Action has been the backbone of the movement to close the SOA. Countless actions have taken place in this country as well as in **Chile, Colombia, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Austria, France, Germany** and other countries around the world. Hundreds have put their bodies on the line, fasted and vigiled and many have gotten arrested for speaking out against the violence perpetrated by the SOA and US foreign policy.

Among these are people who took action at the [Pentagon](#) , 30 SOA Watch activists who spent up to five days in jail after being arrested in a civil disobedience action against the [IMF/World Bank](#) meetings in Washington DC; nine people who reenacted a massacre of Latin American peasants by SOA graduates in the street in front of Philadelphia's City Hall on the first day of the 2000 [Republican National Convention](#) ; eight people who refused to leave Senator Peter Fitzgerald's office in Chicago until they would get an appointment with him; 31 people who erected a [Global Village](#) in front of the gates of Fort Benning and engaged in jail solidarity. SOA Watch activists were arrested at the headquarters of the [Monsanto](#) corporation, locked down in the [Sikorsky](#) Black Hawk helicopter conference and for dozens acts of civil disobedience on the military base Fort Benning, GA (see [history of SOA Watch](#) ).

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*The following chronology lists those who have been sentenced to federal prisons across the United States for acts of nonviolent civil disobedience calling for a more just world.*

### August 1983:

While the US-fueled war in El Salvador was raging, three activists, dressed as high-ranking military officers, walked onto Fort Benning to the barracks of the Salvadoran soldiers who were receiving combat training. As it became dark and the lights went out, the three scaled a tree next to the barracks and with a boombox blasted Archbishop Oscar Romero's last homily into the night. Oscar Romero called in this homily onto the people of the Army to disobey their superiors who tell them to kill their own people ([excerpt](#)). Oscar Romero was killed by graduates of the SOA. Linda Ventimiglia, Father Larry Rosebaugh and Father Roy Bourgeois were arrested and sentenced to federal prison.

- **Linda Ventimiglia**: 15 months
- **Fr. Larry Rosebaugh**: 15 months
- **Fr. Roy Bourgeois**: 18 months.

### November 1990:

Father Roy Bourgeois and brothers Charlie and Patrick Liteky entered the "Hall of Fame" inside the SOA headquarters and poured blood on photographs of SOA graduates and instructors. The "Hall of Fame" featured SOA graduates including military dictators, convicted torturers and murderers like [Gen Hugo Banzer Suárez](#), **Gen Rafael Molina**, [Gen Hernan Jose Guzman Rodriguez](#),  
,  
[Gen. Manuel Jaime Guerrero Paz](#), and others.

- **Charlie Liteky**: 9 months
- **Patrick Liteky**: 9 months
- **Father Roy Bourgeois**: 14 months

### November 1994:

Five activists were arrested at SOA headquarters for chaining doors and passing out leaflets

to Latin American soldiers:

- **Fr. Bill Bichsel, SJ**
- **Louie DeBenedette**
- **Br. Fred Mercy, SJ**
- **John X. Linnehan**

### **November 1995:**

Ten activists were arrested at Fort Benning for re-enacting the [1989 massacre](#) in El Salvador of the six Jesuit priests, a co-worker and her teenage daughter.

### **April 1996:**

Trial of "SOA 13" (those who participated in the November '94 & '95 actions).

- **Fr. Bill Bichsel:** 4 months
- **Fr. Roy Bourgeois:** 6 months
- **Bill Corrigan:** 2 months
- **Will Prior:** 2 months
- **Louie DeBenedette:** 4 months
- **Bob Holstein:** 2 months
- **Ed Kinane:** 2 months
- **Joanne Lingel:** 2 months
- **Ray Laporte:** 2 months
- **John X. Linnehan:** 2 months
- **Br. Fred Mercy:** 2 months
- **Sr. Claire O'Mara:** 2 months
- **Joe Zito:** 2 months

### **September 1997:**

Five of [seven activists edited the Ft. Benning entrance sign](#), reflecting Ft. Benning's complicity in the suffering and death caused by graduates of the SOA. Graduate student, Christopher Jones, and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Charlie Liteky also scaled two large trees to display a massive banner. The five received 8-12 month sentences, while Chris and Charlie were not charged. Besides the time they received for this action, all but Kathleen received an additional 6 months for "crossing the line" at Ft. Benning on November 17, 1997.

- **Charles Liteky**, 64, San Francisco, CA. Recipient of Congressional Medal of Honor in Vietnam. Stationed at Fort Benning from 1985 - 1967. Former Catholic chaplain in U.S. Army. Now working as carpenter and Peace educator.

- **Sr Marge Eilerman**, 60, Booneville, KY. Catholic nun with Sisters of Saint Francis Community of Tiffin, Ohio. Served the poor as missionary in Chiapas, Mexico for four years. Now working as staff for Colombia Support Network.

*8 month*

- **Fr. Bill Bichsel**, SJ, 69, Tacoma, WA. Catholic priest with Jesuit order. Has worked with the poor and homeless in the U.S. for decades. Now a member of the Catholic Worker community in Tacoma.

*12 months*

- **Mary Trotochaud**, 47, Atlanta, GA. U.S. citizen concerned about School of the Americas training dictators and human rights abusers with her tax money. Now a potter in Massachusetts.

*8 months*

- **Christopher Jones**, 23, Portland, OR. Graduate of Hampshire College, MA. Worked with the poor of Central America after college and has been a member of the Catholic Worker community in Tacoma which serves the poor and homeless. Chris is now an anthropology grad student in Louisiana.

- **Kathleen Rumpf**, 46, Syracuse, NY, has been an activist in the Catholic Worker movement for over two decades and worked with the homeless in New York and Baltimore. Kathleen is a former plowshares prisoner of conscience.

*12 months*

- **Ed Kinane**, 52, Syracuse, NY Educated at a Jesuit university and worked with Peace Brigades International in El Salvador, Haiti, Guatemala and Sri Lanka. Now working as writer, editor and educator for peace and justice.

*8 months*

Additionally, fines and restitution varied from \$1,000 to \$3,050 with two years supervised probation for each of the five fellows.

**November 1997:**

More than 2,000 were in attendance at the gates of Ft. Benning to call for the closure of the SOA! 601 "crossed the line" in civil disobedience. Of the 601, thirty-one were "repeat offenders" and were brought to trial. Six had their charges dismissed, while 25 were sentenced to the maximum of 6 months in federal prison, and each fined \$3,000.

- **Fr. Bill Bichsel**, SJ, 69, Tacoma, WA Jesuit Priest, former Dean of Students  
Gonzaga U, MA Counseling, Catholic Worker -29 yrs  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Fr. Roy Bourgeois**, MM, 59, Columbus, GA Maryknoll priest, co-director of SOA  
Watch, Vietnam Veteran, missionary in Bolivia and El Salvador.  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Rev. Dr. Nicholas Cardell**, 72, Syracuse, NY Minister Emeritus, parish minister - 21  
years, WWII Veteran & escaped POW  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Mary Earley**, 67, N. Palm Beach, FL, MA Special Ed. - Fordham, a teacher & works  
with terminally ill children - 41 yrs  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Sara Cramer-Lucas**, 54, Hilton Heap, NC, Director of Social Services  
*charges dropped*
- **Sr. Marge Eilerman**, OSF, 60, Madison, WI Sister of St. Francis - 40 yrs, teacher,  
missionary, pastoral associate  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Sr. Mary Kay Flanigan**, OSF, 65, Chicago, IL Sr. of St. Francis, MA Social Work,  
Co-coordinator 8th Day Center for Justice  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Anne Herman**, 64, Binghamton, NY MA Applied Social Science, six children, three  
grandchildren, Christian Peacemaker Team member  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Paddy Inman**, 52, Mead, WA, MA Education, three children, teacher - 28 yrs, farmer,  
past Chairman - Spokane Catholic Services  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Steve Jacobs**, 42, Columbia, MO, nurse, Catholic Worker  
*charges dropped*
- **Christopher Jones**, 23, Portland, OR BA Latin American Studies, doctoral  
candidate - Cultural Anthropology & Mayan Studies  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Tom Joseph**, 66, Fabor, VA, Builder  
*charges dropped*
- **Rev. Ken Kennon**, 62, Tucson, AZ MA of Divinity, five children, 15 grandchildren,  
Pastor, Director - Adult Care Homes, author of [Prisoner of  
Conscience](#)  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Ed Kinane**, 53, Syracuse, NY, MA Anthropology, Editor, Teacher, Peace Brigades

International - 10 yrs

*6 months, \$3000 fine*

- **Dwight Lawton**, 67, St. Petersburg, FL retired corporate executive, three children, National Farm Workers Ministry, Korea War Veteran  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Patrick Liteky**, 65 Seattle, WA, peace activist  
*charges dropped*
- **Charlie Liteky**, 65, San Francisco, CA, Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient  
*charges dropped*
- **Rita Lucey**, 63, Orlando, FL four children, six grandchildren, MA in Pastoral Studies - Loyola Univ., retired AT&T supervisor  
*6 months in prison, \$3000 fine*
- **Rick McDowell**, 42, Wendell, MA, carpenter, Iraq delegation leader  
*charges dropped*
- **Bill McNulty**, 62, Setauket, NY married - 41 yrs, six children, two grandchildren, teacher - 14 yrs, contractor - 20 yrs, Veteran  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Sr. Megan Rice**, 67, Nigeria, Sister of Holy Child, MS Cellular Biology, Missionary in Africa - 30 yrs, Inner City Ministry  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Carol Richardson**, 53, Columbus, OH, two children, United Methodist Minister - nine yrs, former co-director of SOA Watch  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Dan Sage**, Ph.D., 70, Syracuse, NY married 51 yrs, Edylation - Prof. Emeritus Syracuse Univ. - 30 yrs, two children, three grandchildren  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Doris Sage**, 68, Syracuse, NY married 51 yrs, Spec. Ed. Teacher -21 yrs, two children, three grandchildren, MS - Early Childhood, Storyteller  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Randy Serraglio**, 34, Tucson, AZ, BA Latin American Studies, lobbyist - Central American issues, grassroots environmental activist  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Sr. Rita Steinhagen**, CSJ, 70, Minneapolis, MN, Sr. of St. Joseph, medical technologist, works with homeless & victims of torture  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Richard Streb**, Ph.D., 72, Roanoke, VA, Ph.D. History & Ed. - Columbia, Teacher - 16 yrs, WWII Veteran, one child, two grandchildren  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Ann Tiffany**, 62, Syracuse, NY, MA Counseling/Psychology, four children, 12 grandchildren, mental health nurse & supervisor  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Mary Trotochaud**, 47, Wendell, MA, one of 11 children, 25 nieces and nephews, potter, activist, married to Rick McDowell in prison.  
*6 months, \$3000 fine*
- **Judith Williams**, 58, Waukesha, WI, three children, six grandchildren, Prof. of Music Therapy, founder Waukesha Catholic Worker

*6 months, \$3000 fine*

- **Ruthy Woodring**, 24, Chicago, IL, student - University of IL - Spanish major, Catholic Worker community - 4 years

*6 months, \$3000 fine*

### April 1998:

Patrick Liteky was sentenced on April 10 for twice throwing red dye on the Pentagon in 1997. His identical protests on September 29 and October 20 were taken in support of the other efforts to close the SOA. Federal Judge James Cacheris permitted Patrick Liteky to read a [statement](#) prior to imposing a sentence of one year for each felony, to run concurrently. Additionally, Liteky was ordered to pay nearly \$3000 in clean-up costs, which he does not intend to do. While awaiting sentencing, Liteky traveled to Georgia and threw red dye on the walls of the School of the Americas on Ash Wednesday, February 25, 1998.

- **Patrick Liteky**, 65 Seattle, WA, peace activist  
*24 months*

### November 1999

23 SOA Watch activists were charged for their participation in the November 1999 vigil to close the SOA. The charges against 13 were later dropped, while [10 people were sentenced to 3 – 12 months in federal prison](#) in March 2000. Six of the activists whose charges had been dropped went after the sentencing back to Fort Benning, where they crossed the line and buried children's coffins in front of the SOA headquarters.

- **Brooks Anderson**, 66, retired Lutheran Pastor, participated in Selma to Montgomery civil rights march, married, four children, nine grandchildren, Duluth, MN  
*3 months, \$2500 fine*
- **Judy Bierbaum**, 43, children's sexual abuse therapist, Children's Champion Award in 1997, Governor's Outstanding Woman of New Mexico Award in 1998, Albuquerque, NM  
*3 months, \$2500 fine*
- **Thomas Bottolene**, 50, Full-time, multi-issue nonviolent activist for peace and justice, father of 4, grandfather, graphic artist, organizer, St. Paul, MN  
*3 months, \$2500 fine*
- **Charles Butler**, 73, retired United Methodist pastor, missionary in Panama for 25 years, Army veteran stationed at Ft. Benning, married, 3 children, Rochester, MN

*3 months, \$2500 fine*

- **Kathleen Fisher**, environmental chemist, Quaker, worked four years in Zimbabwe and Swaziland for Mennonite Central Committee, on staff of U.S. Grail, a nonprofit women's social justice and environmental organization, Portland, OR

*1 year probation, \$1000 fine*

- **Gerhard Fischer**, 71, retired pharmacist/business person, U.S. Navy veteran of Korea conflict, Lutheran, married, 5 daughters, 9 grandchildren, Brookfield, WI

*3 months, \$2500 fine*

- **John Honeck**, 39, residence counselor for mentally retarded adults, tutor, married, three children, Hamlin, NY

*3 months, \$2500 fine*

- [Margaret Knapke](#), 47, natural therapeutics practitioner, worked with war-traumatized people from El Salvador, Master of Philosophy, Dayton, OH

*3 months, \$2500 fine*

- **Charles Liteky**, 69, Awarded Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism in Vietnam, served six months in federal prison for previous SOA protest, married, San Francisco, CA

*12 months, \$10,000 fine*

- **Sr. Megan Rice**, SHCJ, 70 Catholic Sister of the Holy Child Jesus, worked as a missionary in Nigeria and Ghana for 34 years, served 6 months for previous SOA protest, Nigeria

*6 months, \$5000 fine*

charges dismissed:

- **Charles Carney**, Chicago, IL
- **Sr. Kathleen Desautels**, Chicago, IL
- **Ann Huntwork**, Portland, OR
- **Steven Jacobs**, Columbia, MO
- **Sr. Mary Dennis Lentsch**, Apison, TN
- **Linda Mashburn**, Brevard, NC
- **Sr. Kathleen McCabe**, Newton Square, PA
- **Sr. Dorothy Pagosa**, Chicago, IL
- **Francisco Risso**, Morganton, NC
- **Abby Schlaff**, Ann Arbor, MI



- **Bruce Triggs**, Tacoma, WA
- **Cliff Wilmeng**, Homewood, IL
- **Steve Zavodnyik**, Flagstaff, AZ

November 2000

In [May 2001](#), 26 people received sentences ranging from two years probation to one year in federal prison for acts of nonviolent civil disobedience at the School of the Americas in November 2000, in solidarity with the victims of SOA terrorist violence in Latin America.

- **David Corcoran**: 67, Des Plaines, Illinois. hospital chaplain, married priest, father of three adopted Korean children.  
*6 months, \$1000 fine*
- **Mary Lou Benson**: 56, Brainerd, Minnesota. Homemaker, married, mother of four, sister of Martha Hayward, aunt of Rachel Hayward.  
*6 months*
- [Josh Raisler Cohn](#) : 24, Portland, Oregon. Social and environmental justice activist.  
*6 months, \$1000 fine*
- **Russell De Young**: 54, Newport News, Virginia. NASA senior research scientist, married, father of two.  
*6 months, \$1000 fine*
- [John Ewers](#) : 66, Dayton, Ohio. retired NCR Corporation manager, Habitat for Humanity volunteer, married, father of four.  
*6 months, \$1000 fine*
- **Jack Gilroy**: 65, Endwell, New York, high school teacher, married, father of four.  
*6 months, \$500 fine*
- [Clare Hanrahan](#) : 52, Asheville, North Carolina. freelance writer/journalist, gardener, mother of one.  
*6 months, \$500 fine*
- **Martha Hayward**: 56, Negaunee, Michigan. Middle school teacher, married, mother of four (including Rachel)  
*3 years probation, \$3,000 fine*
- **Rachel Louise Hayward**: 19, Negaunee, Michigan. Student at Kalamazoo College, majoring in biology and Spanish, daughter of Martha.  
*6 months*
- **Sr. Dorothy M. Hennessey**: 88, Dubuque, Iowa. Dubuque Franciscan, peace worker, sister of Gwen.  
*6 months*
- **Sr. Gwen Hennessey**: 68, Dubuque, Iowa. Dubuque Franciscan, peace worker,

sister of Dorothy.

6 months

- **Rita Hohenshell:** 76, Des Moines, Iowa. retired, mother of four, grandmother of five.

3 months

- **William Houston:** 72, Yellow Springs, Ohio. retired math professor, father of two, husband of Hazel Tuleke.

6 months, \$1000 fine

- **John Alfred Hunt Jr:** 33, Boone, North Carolina. community educator and activist.

6 months, \$500 fine

- **Steve Jacobs:** 46, Columbia, Missouri. member of the St. Francis Catholic Worker, veteran and folksinger.

One year

- **Rebecca Kanner:** 43, Ann Arbor, Michigan. environmental educator, UAW member.

6 months, \$500 fine

- **Joel Kilgour:** 24, Duluth, Minnesota. baker in cooperative bakery, member of Loaves and Fishes Catholic Worker.

1 month

- **Richard John Kinane:** 51, Boulder, Colorado. teacher and contemplative psychotherapist.

6 months, \$500 fine

- **Sr. Elizabeth Anne McKenzie:** 71, St. Paul, Minnesota. Retired teacher, Sister of St. Joseph.

6 months

- **Karl Meyer:** 63, Nashville, Tennessee. member of Nashville Greenland Community, activist with Catholic Worker movement for 44 years, defended himself pro se.

6 months

- **Lois Putzier:** 69, Tucson, Arizona. union organizer, married.

6 months

- **Eric Robison:** 21, Spokane, Washington. social justice activist.

6 months, \$500 fine

- **Sr. Miriam Spencer:** 76, Bellevue, Washington. Member of Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, actively retired, 75.

6 months

- **Kathryn Temple:** 28, Asheville, North Carolina. Artist, writer, feminist.

2 years probation, \$500 fine

- **Hazel Tulecke:** 77, Yellow Springs, Ohio. Retired, mother of four, wife of William Houston.

3 months

- **Mary Alice Vaughan:** 68, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. retired elementary school teacher, former Sister of St. Joseph of Peace.

6 months, \$150 fine

## April 2001

Hundreds of protesters gathered at the Pentagon and planted crosses at the Parade Grounds. Ten were arrested for spilling blood on government property, and blocking entrances to the building. Two were prosecuted.

- **Ally Styan**: 18, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
*3 days*
- **Eric Robison**: 21, Spokane Washington  
*3 days*

## November 2001

A federal prosecutor filed charge against 43 SOA Watch activists who were among 10,000 who gathered in November 2001 to call for the closure to the School of the Americas/Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. Charges against six of the 43 were dropped. Thirty-seven stood trial. one defendant was found not guilty, while all others received sentences ranging from six months of probation to six month in prison.

- **[Rev. Charles Booker-Hirsch](#)** Ann Arbor, MI 41, Presbyterian minister at Northside Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor. Married (to UCC pastor). One child, age 4. Works with Central American refugees. Member of Presbyterian Peace Fellowship and PNAODA (Presbyterian Network of Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse).  
*Sentenced to three months in federal prison, \$500 fine*
- **Jonna Cohen** Denver, CO 20, MacAllister College student. Student of Maharaji, an Indian spiritual teacher.  
*Sentenced to three months in federal prison, \$500 fine*
- **Brigid Conarchy** Grayslake, IL 23, Originally from Waukegan, IL. Degree in Theology and Philosophy from St Norberts College. Catholic worker with Little Flower CW in Goochland, VA.  
*Sentenced to six months probation, \$500 fine*
- **[Kenneth Crowley](#)** Houston, TX 60, Parent educator. Catholic. Member of Pax Christi.  
*Sentenced to six months in federal prison, \$1000 fine*
- **[Sue Daniels](#)** Pembroke, VA 41, a doctoral student in avian conservation biology, currently forming a local chapter of the Colombia Support Network, also active with AWOL (go-awol.org), the Coalition for Justice, Amnesty International, the New River Valley Greens, and the Living Wage Campaign. A participant in a beautiful Reclaim the Streets action in NYC during the WEF (the World Economic [Exploitation] Forum). Lead organizer to bring Vandana Shiva, Ed Herman, and Cecelia Zarate-Laun of the Colombia Support Network to Blacksburg and the Virginia Tech community this Spring.

*Sentenced to three months in federal prison, \$500 fine*

- [Mary Dean](#) Chicago, IL 37, Former husband tortured by G-2 (SOA grads) in Guatemala. Affiliated with Catholic Worker, IL, Peace Action and SOA Watch IL.

*Sentenced to six months in a federal prison, \$1000 fine*

- [Kathleen Desautels](#) Chicago, IL 64, A Sister of Providence of St. Mary of the Woods IA for 42 years. Ministry includes education, prison ministry and 8th Day Center for Justice for past 16 years.

*Sentenced to six months in a federal prison*

- [Janice Sevre-Duszynska](#) Nicholasville, KY 52, English as a Second Language teacher to high school students. Activist for Women's Ordination. Mother of two. Affiliated with Women's Ordination Conference, Catholic Action Center, Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice, Newman Center for University of Kentucky.

*Sentenced to three months in federal prison, \$500 fine*

- [Toni Flynn](#) Valyermo, CA 56, High Desert Catholic Worker member and a Benedictine Oblate at St. Andrew's Abbey, also in Valyermo. Mother of four grown children. Expecting first grandchild in October. Has been participating in SOA Watch protests since 1998.

*Sentenced to six months in federal prison*

- **Kate Fontanazza** Milwaukee, WI 53, Teacher. Catholic. Member of Pax Christi, Peace Action and Pledge of Resistance.

*Sentenced to six months in federal prison, \$1000 fine*

- [Chani Geigle-Teller](#) Salem, OR 19, Student. Works with Oregon Peace Works mobilizing youth for social justice work in their communities.

*Sentenced to six months in a federal prison, \$1000 fine*

- [Peter Gelderloos](#) Harrisonburg, VA 19, Activist and ex-student involved in community and national organizing around environmental, anti-war, anti-capitalist and anarchist issues. Currently trying to write professionally.

*Sentenced to six months in federal prison*

- **Nancy Gowen** Richmond, VA 68, Mother of seven, grandmother to four. Two months ago I buried my son, Chuck, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. I am a member of Pax Christi Richmond and Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation. Thirteen of the last fifteen years I have worked with the homeless population in Richmond, Virginia as a mental health counselor. Have co-facilitated alternative to violence workshops in the prison system for the Richmond Peace Education Center. Spent time living with followers of Gandhi and working at Mother Teresa's in India.

*Sentenced to three months in federal prison, \$500 fine*

- **John Heid** Luck, WI 47, Quaker. Catholic Worker living and working on social justice issues in the Anathoth Farm Community. Member of Veterans for Peace. Handyman.

*Sentenced to six months in federal prison*

- **Linda Holzbaur** Ithaca, NY 45, Mother of 4 (3 school age). Peace activist. Part time journalist. Catholic worker. Member of "Keep Space for Peace".

*Sentenced to six months probation, \$500 fine*

- **Lisa Hughes W.** Hartford, VT 36, Catholic background/Mennonite affinity. Raised in Midwest, spent 5 years in El Salvador as a nurse. Moved to Vermont, to begin war tax resistance and organic farming, from Oregon and hospice nursing. Member of War Resisters League.

*Acquitted*

- **Rev. Erik Johnson** Maryville, TN 57, Presbyterian Church(U.S.A.) minister, Interim Pastor at Church of the Savior UCC, Knoxville. Married with 5 grown children, 3 grandchildren. 1984 Witness for Peace to Nicaragua. Member of Knoxville Area Committee on Central America, Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance.

*Sentenced to six months in federal prison, \$1000 fine*

- **Niklan Jones-Lezama** Blacksburg, VA 38, married to Nicaraguan Sandinista, Claudia; two sons, Emilio Jose and Omar Eli. A past co-coordinator for the Coalition for Justice in Central America; 1987 Witness for Peace/Fellowship of Reconciliation/Buddhist Peace Fellowship delegate to Nicaragua and Honduras. Also part of fact-finding delegation to Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Guatemala. An intern with Global Issues Project in Haiti. Currently helping to build a local chapter of the Colombia Support Network. A Re-evaluation counselor, studying and practicing healing touch and reiki energy therapies for the past four years.

*Sentenced to six months in federal prison*

- **Rae Kramer** Syracuse, NY 55, Domestic violence activist. Member of Syracuse Peace Council and Jewish Peace Fellowship.

*Sentenced to six months in a federal prison, \$5,000 fine*

- **Palmer Legare** Springfield, MA Student at Springfield College. From Cabett, VT. Community organizer on low income housing issues.

*Sentenced to three months in federal prison, \$500 fine*

- **Laura MacDonald** Syracuse, NY 23, Works with children with disabilities. Member of Syracuse Peace Council.

*Sentenced to three months in federal prison, \$500 fine*

- **Shannon McManimon** Philadelphia, PA 26, Catholic Worker at Martha House CW in Philadelphia.

*Sentenced to six months probation, \$500 fine*

- **Ralph Madsen** Newtonville, MA 68, Retired elementary school teacher. Married, with two grown children. Grandfather. Stationed at Ft. Benning in 1956. Affiliated with Neighbor to Neighbor and Buddhist Peace Fellowship.

*Sentenced to six months probation, \$500 fine*

- **Tom Mahedy** Wall, NJ 39, Married with two children, 5 and 7. Former Navy ROTC. Traveled to Central America with Pastors for Peace. Member of Pax Christi.

*Sentenced to three months in federal prison*

- **Abi Miller** Harrisonburg, VA 23, Degree in Biology from James Madison University. Works at a restaurant in the process of collectivizing. Involved in a community center project, community garden organizing, and tutoring english as a second language.

*Sentenced to three months in federal prison, \$500 fine*

- **Summer Nelson** Missoula, MT 26, Environmental and social justice activist working with the Buffalo Field Campaign and Wild Rockies Earth First. Visual artist who uses art in activism. Aspiring wilderness survivalist and sustainable community builder doing trail work, organic farming and wilderness therapy programs.

*Sentenced to three months in federal prison, \$500 fine*

- **Fr. William O'Donnell** Berkeley, CA 72, member of the [San Carlos Foundation](#)

*Sentenced to six months in federal prison, \$1000 fine*

- **David O'Neil** Elkton, VA

*Sentenced to six months probation, \$500 fine*

- **Mike Pasquale** Syracuse, NY 33, Catholic. Program Director at Family Center. Director

of International House at LeMoyne College.

*Sentenced to six months in a federal prison, \$1000 fine*

- **Leone Reinbold** Oakland, CA

*Sentenced to six months probation, \$500 fine*

- **Rich Ring** is 33 years old and lives in Atlanta, where he is a human rights investigator.

He grew up in Washington County, New York, and went to Earlham College. He has been an ecologist with The Nature Conservancy, and a Catholic Worker at St. Martin de Porres House in Harrisburg, PA. He is a member of Pax Cristi USA, Pennsylvania Abolitionists, and Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. He learned about the SOA in 2001 from travels in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala and the Autonomous Zones of Chiapas, Mexico. (Click to read his testimony -in Word format- from Georgia.)

*Sentenced to three months in federal prison, \$500 fine*

- **Maxwell Sadler Edwards** Waterville, ME

*Sentenced to six months probation, \$2500 fine*

- **Kathy Shields Boylan** Washington DC 58, Catholic Worker with Dorothy Day CW in Washington DC. Plowshares activist. Mother of 5. Grandmother of 3.

*Sentenced to three months in federal prison*

- **Michael Sobol Golden**, CO 18, Graduates HS in May. Plans to defer college for a year to work in Guatemala with street children.

*Sentenced to three months in federal prison, \$500 fine*

- **Lee Sturgis** Elkton, VA

*Sentenced to six months probation, \$500 fine*

- **Fr. Louis Vitale**, San Francisco, CA Franciscan priest. Pastor of an inner city parish in San Francisco. Working with marginated children and the homeless.

*Sentenced to three months in federal prison*

- **Fr. Jerry Zawada** Cedar Lake, IN 65, Franciscan priest and Ecumenical. Just back from Palestine. Affiliated with Voices in the Wilderness.

*Sentenced to six months in federal prison*

***Charges were dismissed against:***

- **Sr. Rufina Cordova** San Ysidro, CA 68, Dominican nun. Preschool teacher in Tijuana. Entered base because of invitation by SOA/WHISC for protesters to attend a presentation at the SOA/WHISC.
- **Anna Lisa Gross** N. Manchester, IN 19, Student at Earlham. Member of Church of the Brethren. Arrested when she, and other Earlham students, accidentally drove on base.
- **Brook Kramer** Richmond, KY 22, Student at Earlham College. Member of St. Thomas Lutheran Church and Jubilee Partners. Arrested when she, and other Earlham students, accidentally drove on base.
- **[Peg Morton](#)** Eugene, OR 71, Three grown daughters, three grandchildren. Quaker with a faith based nonviolent philosophy. Spent time in Guatemala doing accompaniment of returned refugees. Member of CISCAP and War Resisters League. Entered base because of invitation by SOA/WHISC for protesters to attend a presentation at the SOA/WHISC.
- **Jesse Rutschman** Chicago, IL 20, Mennonite. Student at Earlham College. Arrested when he, and other Earlham students, accidentally drove on base.
- **[Ned Smith](#)** Wilkes-Barre, PA Catholic Worker from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Massage therapist.