



## No Parole Peltier Association Newsletter

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***"In the Spirit of Coler and Williams"***

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-Parole Hearing Scheduled: July 28<sup>th</sup> Lewisburg, PA

### **Dear NPPA supporters:**

The Leonard Peltier Defense Offense Committee (LPDOC) posted an unenthusiastic "Call to Action" on its website, although a number of other websites did pick it up and posted the same message. They encouraged everyone to write the U.S. Parole Commission and included a draft letter for them to send.

Peltier and the LPDOC have yet to understand that parole is not a popularity contest where the one with the most letters wins. It's about justice and the application of the law and regulations.

The LPDOC [letter](#) is filled with the same rhetoric we have come to expect but they do acknowledge the "seriousness of the conviction;" which is an understatement.

They ask to consider Peltier's "humanitarian work he has done during his 33 years in prison" and gave a few examples, like the North Star Fredrick Douglas Award. Yet again, further NPPA inquiries of North Star have gone unanswered. If this is a valid award, why not post it on the website and explain exactly what it means. Peltier's alleged charitable activities, which we have examined since 2004, are negligible and amount to no more than false advertising (let alone the illegal solicitation of tax-free donations). If there was any substance to their claims they would spell it out for Peltier supporters (and detractors), but there's only hollow rhetoric in place of genuine deeds, and absolutely nothing regarding the accounting of any monies Peltier has taken in over the years.

<http://www.noparolepeltier.com/debate.html#fraud>

They mention Peltier's nomination for six Nobel Peace Prizes. We ask that everyone look into the nominating process. For Peltier to make any claim for recognition through this award, is a sham, it's an ongoing joke. The nomination means literally nothing, which is why the committee seals the names of nominees

for fifty years. <http://www.noparolepeltier.com/debate.html#peace> The letter also states "There are those who make light of this." They're correct on that point.

But here is the lynchpin in their pleas for Peltier, sadness and empathy.

Peltier has expressed "sadness for the tragedy that occurred that day at Oglala and pain for the families of the two agents and the Indian man who died that day."

"For the families?" What about for the two agents who were first shot, then brutally murdered and victims of Peltier and AIM followers; two young men who were carrying out their lawful responsibilities that day and were killed in the line of duty?

"The Indian man?" Joe Stuntz (who Peltier nicknamed Killsright; an odd choice of names under the circumstances), was shooting at agents and law enforcement personnel responding to Jumping Bull and attempting to rescue Jack Coler and Ron Williams. Stuntz could have easily wounded or killed one of those agents before he was stopped.

This is Peltier's shallow attempt to show some contrition to the board for his crimes. "Sadness," barely registers. Peltier is sad for several things, not the least of which was shooting at the agents (from all the testimony, clearly he knew who they were), and then participating in their deaths. (And this writer is convinced in the validity of the government's arguments at trial that Peltier was the one who shot the wounded agents in the face.) Peltier is certainly sad he was caught and convicted. Peltier is going to have to go much farther to show anything that even resembles remorse for his crimes.

Peltier "has done so much good while in prison." Perhaps they want the board to forget about his armed escape from Lompoc for which he still owes an additional seven consecutive years.

They ask their supporters "to look with empathy upon a 64 year-old-man." Jack and Ron, who would have been close to that age now, were robbed of the opportunity to become old men. At least Peltier has that.

For Peltier and the LPDOC it has been the exact same hype but if he's expecting to make an impact on the board on July 28<sup>th</sup> at Lewisburg he's going to have to make some very radical changes in his thinking. But then again, *radical* thinking is what got him to Lewisburg in the first place.

NPPA supporters are not encouraged to write to anyone, or appear or peacefully demonstrate at Lewisburg to voice their objection to any consideration for Peltier's parole. It would not be necessary because it's certain that the appropriate officials and concerned parties are preparing to offer the board all the

valid reasons why Peltier has not yet paid his debt and that he has never accepted responsibility for his crimes.

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