



"MY NAME IS  
SEAN SWAIN...  
AND I  
APPROVED THIS  
MESSAGE."

*Sean Swain*

SEAN SWAIN  
OHIO GOVERNOR IN EXILE  
INSURGENT CANDIDATE, 2014  
MARCH 15, 2013

**ON RECEIVING NO MAIL**

Being in Jail and Receiving  
NO MAIL  
is like  
Being in Hell and getting  
No water  
But  
Being in Prison and Receiving  
NO MAIL  
Is  
Being captured behind  
Enemy lines with  
NO COMMUNICATION!  
Such being the case  
Many of us become  
One-SIDED...  
—Veronza Bowers Jr.  
October 6, 1974  
Atlanta Pen

# Political Prisoner Birthdays in September

SEPTEMBER 5, 1964

**Brian M. Vaillancourt**

M42889  
Robinson Correctional Center  
13423 East 1150th Avenue  
Robinson, Illinois 62454

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Brian Vaillancourt was arrested on February 9, 2013 in Chicago for allegedly trying "to burn down a slaughterhouse known as McDonalds." He is currently being held on a \$250,000 bond and is facing 30 years.

Send a birthday card to these political prisoners. It's an easy way to help remind these freedom fighters they aren't forgotten. If you make one, remember: don't use anything like white-out, stickers, tape or glitter on it.

SEPTEMBER 12, 1944

**Leonard Peltier**

#89637-132  
USP Coleman I  
P.O. Box 1033  
Coleman, FL 33521

[WHOISLEONARDPELTIER.INFO](http://WHOISLEONARDPELTIER.INFO)

Leonard Peltier is a Native American political prisoner imprisoned for the 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.

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

SEPTEMBER 12, 1969

**Sean Swain**

#243-205  
Warren CI  
P.O. Box 120  
5787 State Route 63  
Lebanon, OH 45036

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

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SEPTEMBER 26, 1964

**Greg Curry**

#213-159  
Ohio State Penitentiary  
878 Coitsville-Hubbard Rd  
Youngstown OH 44505-4635

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In April of 1993 hundreds of prisoners at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility took control of one of the facility's wings for 11 days before it was forcibly taken back over. The rebellion was composed of a temporarily united front of prisoners across racial, religious, and gang divisions that produced 21 demands centered around basic human rights. Greg Curry and other prison activists were unjustly charged and convicted of murder during the uprising, and have been in solitary confinement and/or on Death Row for over 18 years.

SEPTEMBER 27, 1952

**Brian McCarvill**

#11037967  
Snake River CI  
777 Stanton Blvd  
Ontario, OR 97914-8335

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 their 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 and writing letters and articles for publications.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1976

**Jorge P. Cornell**

#28152-057  
FCI Petersburg Medium Federal Correctional  
Institution  
P.O. Box 1000  
Petersburg, VA 23804

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Jorge Cornell, or King Jay, was the Inca of the North Carolina Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation, and along with other members faced federal racketeering (RICO) charges after an FBI raid in 2011. The NC ALKQN was a street organization dedicated to community empowerment, self-determination, black and brown unity, and participated in community organizing across North Carolina related to policing, immigration and prisons. Jorge called for a gang truce in the city of Greensboro as well as many other organizing efforts. The RICO prosecution was a clear retaliation for the ALKQN's community organizing. He was convicted in November 2012 and sentenced to 28 years in prison. He is currently pursuing appeals.



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# They are in there for us *We are out here for them:*



**SEPTEMBER 5, 1964: Brian Vaillancourt**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 1944: Leonard Peltier**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 1969: Sean Swain**

**SEPTEMBER 26, 1964: Greg Curry**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 1952: Brian McCarvill**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 1976: Jorge Cornell**

## **Political Prisoner *Letter Writing Night***

This Month, join others in your community to send birthday cards to political prisoners to remind them that they are not forgotten.

**DATE:**

**TIME:**

**LOCATION:**

**SPONSORING  
ORGANIZATION:**