

"Only one thing's sadder than remembering you were once free..."

... and that's forgetting you were once free."

Leonard Peltier

# Political Prisoner Birthdays in September

**September 5th, 1964**

**Brian M. Vaillancourt**

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

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.

**September 5th, 1997**

**Alexander Irwin**

#2016012934  
St. Louis County Jail  
P.O. Box 16060  
Clayton, MO 63105  
antistatestl.noblogs.org

200 days of fiery rebellion followed the shooting of a black child named Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, that galvanized a black liberation movement that makes the ruling class tremble to this day. Alexander Irwin is facing burglary charges associated with being accused of looting at the Dellwood Market during the riots in August, 2014. He is currently serving a sentence in Illinois on unrelated charges.

Please note that Alexander is pre-trial. Do not write about illegal activity and assume that any charges from the state are alleged and falsely accused.

**September 12th, 1944**

**Leonard Peltier**

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USP Coleman I  
Post Office Box 1033  
Coleman, FL 33521  
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.

**September 12th, 1969**

**Sean Swain**

#243-205  
Warren CI  
Post Office Box 120  
5787 State Route 63  
Lebanon, Ohio 45036  
seanswain.org

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.

**September 22nd, 1987**

**Steven Martin**

#2015017284  
St. Louis County Jail  
P.O. Box 16060  
Clayton, MO 63105  
antistatestl.noblogs.org

Steven Martin is facing a second degree burglary charge, falsely accused of looting a Foot Locker on the night of August 10th, 2014 as part of the Ferguson rebellion sparked after the shooting of a black child in Missouri. Please note that Steven is pre-trial. Do not write about illegal activity and assume that any charges from the state are alleged and falsely accused.

**September 26th, 1964**

**Greg Curry**

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Ohio State Penitentiary  
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Youngstown OH 44505-4635  
lucasvilleamnesty.org

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.

**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. 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](mailto:ppbirthday@riseup.net). Brought to you with love by the Prison Books Collective. For a pdf of the poster or news and updates about anti-prison struggles, visit: [prisonbooks.info](http://prisonbooks.info)

**September 27th, 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.

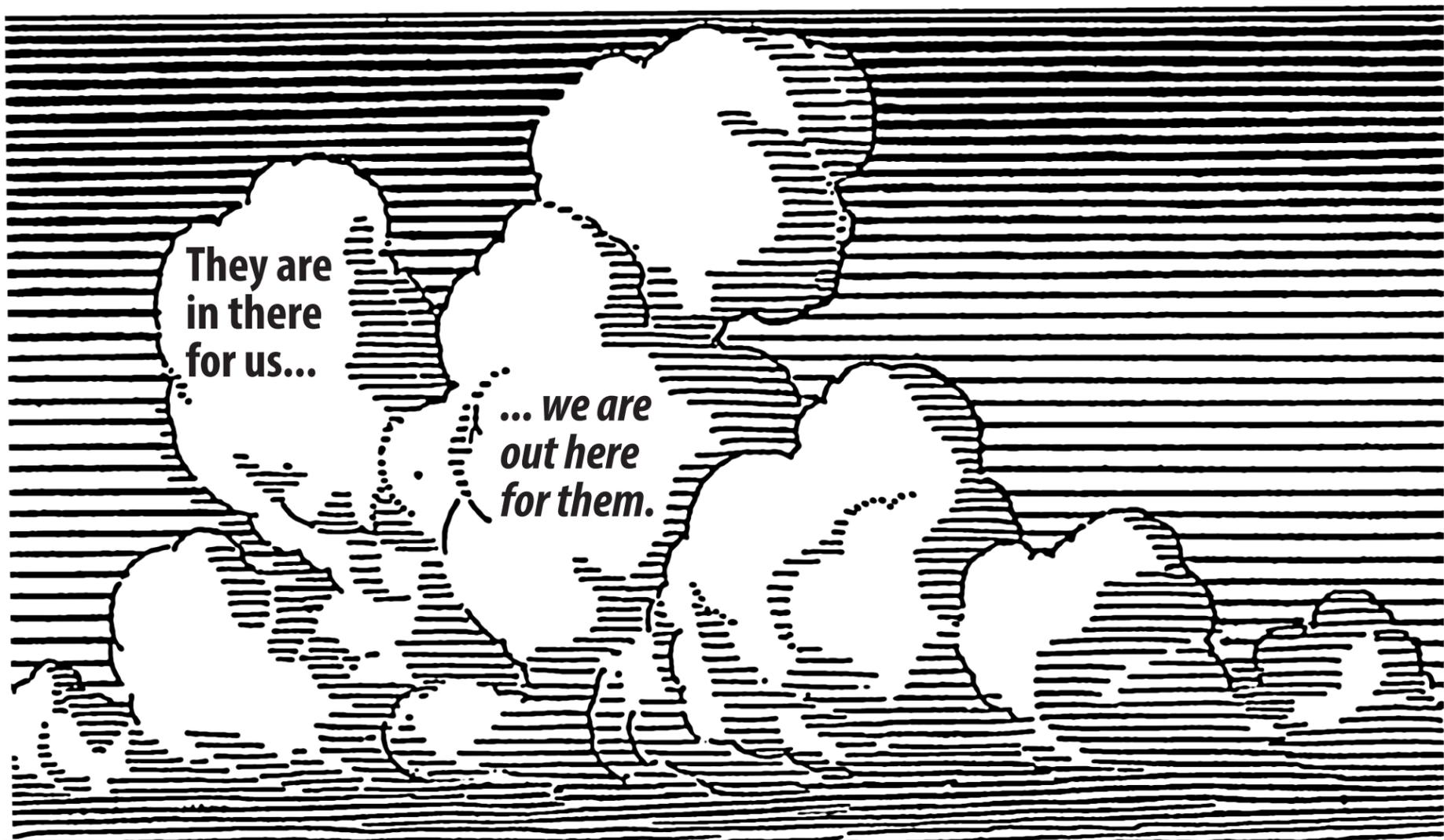
**September 29th, 1976**

**Jorge P. Cornell**

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Post Office Box 1000  
Petersburg, VA 23804  
alkqnsupport.wordpress.com

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.

**September 9th is the start of a nation-wide prisoner work stoppage to end prison slavery. Do something in your community to support prison rebels. [SupportPrisonResistance.net](http://SupportPrisonResistance.net)**



# Political Prisoner Letter Writing Night

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

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ORGANIZATION:**