

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It is that time of the year to inform each of you about our 2009 National Commander's Banquet. The tables will be rounds of 10 and, as for the past 6 or 7 years, each ticket will again cost just \$45.00. The banquet will take place on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 beginning at 6:30PM in Halls 1A & 1B, Level 1 in the Kentucky International Convention Center. The banquet will be preceded by a "cash" reception, for all attendees, at the Convention Center beginning at 5:15PM. We will begin accepting checks, for the banquet, on or after January 1, 2009. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know about them. We wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We are also pleased to announce that we have contracted with "Mr. Darryl Worley" for our entertainment at the 2009 National Commander's Banquet in Louisville, Kentucky. Please note the information below pertaining to this outstanding and very talented Country & Western musician

Darryl Worley is a country music phenomenon, a preacher's son and grandson of a moonshiner from Pyburn, Tennessee, who won academic honors in high school and at the University of North Alabama. His songwriting skills earned him a deal with Fame Publishing in Muscle Shoals, Alabama; a number of artists including George Jones, recorded some of his early tunes. After two years, EMI Publishing signed him to their songwriting team and Worley moved to Nashville.

Once in Nashville, success came quickly and the Academy of Country Music nominated Worley for Top New Male Vocalist in 2002. He also earned nominations from the Country Music Association for its Horizon Award in 2002 and 2003 and Single of the Year and Song of the Year in 2003 for "Have You Forgotten?". The Tennessee House of Representatives cited him that same year for his contributions to country music.

Perhaps the high point of his career, though, has been Darryl's visits to entertain our troops stationed in Afghanistan, Kuwait and Uzbekistan. Transformed by the experience, he wrote and recorded "Have You Forgotten?", one of the most controversial and inspirational records of our times. Worley hasn't wavered in his support for those who put their lives on the line for democracy; over the last few years he's repeated his trips and expanded them to include performances in Iraq. On the home front, he has played a key role in organizing the annual American Freedom Festival to raise funds for our veterans.

Darryl Worley is a patriotic American, a gifted songwriter and artist, thrilled to be performing for the American Legion in 2009!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Your Convention & Meetings Team