

Capt. Ted Painter, USA veteran (Saturday, May 29)

U.S. Army veteran Ted Painter is a country music singer/songwriter whose songs embrace the roots of traditional country music while blending contemporary country and rock influences. Painter started writing and performing original songs at open-mic nights in 2006 after serving as an infantry officer. The open mic circuit eventually provided the opportunity to connect with other musicians, giving Ted the opportunity to perform as a solo artist and band front man in numerous venues throughout New England, ranging from clubs and festivals to open mics and local cable access TV. Additionally, his songs have received airplay and he has performed live on independent and mainstream FM, AM and internet radio stations. Most recently, Ted received the 2008 New England Country Music Organization's *Songwriter of the Year* award and he is also a 2007 Great American Song Contest award winner. Ted has just completed work on his debut CD, *Ridin' High*. For more information, please visit tedpaintersongs@yahoo.com or www.myspace.com/thesouthcountyband.

Gordon Painter (Sunday, May 30)

Singer Gordon Painter (no relation to Ted Painter) has been one of the most dedicated, enthusiastic supporters of Rolling Thunder and veterans, particularly Rolling Thunder's annual protest events in Washington, D.C., each May. He and wife Mary make it a family affair, bringing their children to witness the ceremonies and speeches as Gordon performs his unique musical stylings. Born near Kelso, Washington, Gordon didn't embark on a musical career until the late 1990s, although he had always loved music. Performing on a cruise ship, he found that people responded to his music. When Gordon opened for Collin Ray in 2002, he received a standing ovation from the crowd, singing the National Anthem and "God Bless the USA." When he's not performing, Gordon enjoys photography, snow skiing, motorcycles and dirt bikes. For more information, please visit <http://www.gordonpainter.com>.

Loch Rannoch Pipe & Drum Band (Sunday, May 30)

Loch Rannoch Pipes & Drums can trace its humble beginnings back to 1997 and a modest Scottish Import Shop and the Pineville, Pa., Post Office. The band was formed by then Drum Major Sandy Sinclair (Ret.) and Pipe Major Keith Swanson. Sandy hailed from Perth, Scotland, near Loch Rannoch in the central highlands. Hence the band's name and tartan Drummond of Perth (modern). The formation of the band started with Keith Swanson, a rock musician from Staten Island, N.Y., and Postmaster of the Pineville Post Office, taking lessons on the Great Highland Bagpipes. In no time at all, the five-member band hit the streets as the Loch Rannoch Pipe Band. Since these humble beginnings the band has grown to a full fledged pipes and drums unit, 17-strong. The band has marched in parades from Edinburgh, Scotland to New York City to Baltimore and Washington. Some members have played for Her Majesty the Queen of England. Sometimes known as the punk rockers of the pipe world Loch Rannoch plays traditional sets with the occasional playful touch of the unusual like their tribute to American and the Armed Forces which includes a rousing rendition of Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA". In the spring of 2006 Loch Rannoch became the affiliate pipe band of the Emerald Society of Bucks & Montgomery Counties and in early 2008 began participating in events with Rolling Thunder.

U.S. Army Band “Downrange” (Sunday, May 30)

The U.S. Army Chorale has transformed into Downrange, the popular music ensemble of The United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own.” With its unique and ever-changing repertoire, Downrange directs the spotlight on this dynamic group of active-duty musicians—talented vocalists and a powerful rhythm section. Downrange originated in 1975 as the Chamber Singers, a choral music ensemble with a repertoire ranging from classical to easy-listening jazz and pop music. In the 1980s, the group integrated show-choir elements into its performances and concentrated on pop and patriotic music—becoming The U.S. Army Chorale. During this period, the Chorale was featured at events held at the Kennedy Center, the White House, Carnegie Hall, and DAR Constitution Hall. The group grew in popularity and quickly became identified as the premier vocal music entertainment ensemble of the United States Army. For more information, please visit http://www.usarmyband.com/downrange/the_us_army_band_downrange.html.