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**TO:** National Executive Committee  
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**FROM:** Barry A. Jesinoski, National Adjutant

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**SUBJECT:** The War and Treaty to perform at national convention

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I'm thrilled to announce that the featured entertainment for the 2026 DAV & Auxiliary National Convention's Fun Night on Monday, Aug. 3, will be the Emmy Award-winning duo [The War and Treaty](#). Nominated for two awards at the 66th Annual Grammy Awards, including Best New Artist and Best American Roots Song for "Blank Page," the husband-and-wife duo brings not only an acclaimed musical talent but also a meaningful connection to the veteran community. Most recently, they performed the national anthem at a semifinal [Fiesta Bowl](#) game, showcasing their talents on one of the nation's biggest stages.

The War and Treaty's Michael Trotter Jr. and Tanya Trotter have a personal connection to DAV. Michael is an Army veteran who deployed to Iraq and Tanya is his proud spouse. His journey took an unexpected turn thanks to the encouragement of his commanding officer, Capt. Robert Scheetz. While stationed in Iraq and encamped in one of Saddam Hussein's former palaces, Scheetz urged Michael to play the palace's piano, reigniting his passion for music.

Michael served as a supply sergeant, but after the tragic loss of Scheetz, he found solace and purpose in music. To honor his commanding officer's memory, he wrote and performed a heartfelt song at the funeral. Today, Michael and his family continue to support veteran causes.

I encourage you to listen to some of their wonderful music ahead of the national convention, including their song "[Florida](#)," which feels especially fitting as we gather in Orlando. Their new album, "The Story of Michael and Tanya", will be released on June 19.

We look forward to welcoming The War and Treaty to what promises to be an unforgettable Fun Night.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry A. Jesinoski', written in a cursive style.

Barry A. Jesinoski  
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