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I am incredibly grateful for the financial support provided by The Flag and General Officers' Network, the Admiral Carey Foundation, the Aurora Foundation, and The George Washington University Law School. As an Admiral McGrail Scholarship recipient, I was able to pursue an internship at the Department of Defense Office of the General Counsel (OGC), an experience which provided me with a wealth of information about national security law and other areas of interest.

I spent my summer with the International Affairs division of OGC. My assignments touched on a wide variety of legal issues, including international agreements and treaties, the law of war, cross-border transactions, and personnel concerns. The experience afforded me the opportunity to analyze several newsworthy topics, including the recently enacted Russia sanctions bill and its impact on DoD's mission. I also provided a legal analysis and advice on a proposed change to a DoD Instruction concerning military personnel stationed overseas and the legal assistance to which accompanying dependents may be entitled.

In addition to giving me substantive assignments on legal issues, my supervising attorneys also taught me a great deal about the skills necessary to be a successful lawyer. Many of these lessons are not taught in the classroom, so I am grateful to have had the chance to learn from them. The attorneys in my office also provided me with mentorship and guidance on my own legal career and shared insights into their backgrounds that will prove useful as I plan my future. Most importantly, my experience this summer opened my eyes to many of the legal issues affecting the military and veteran community. Regardless of where my legal education and work take me, I know that I want to make helping my fellow veterans a central part of my career.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Michael Sheehan