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I started off the week by going to Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day. This was something I took to heart because I currently have a cousin serving in the Air Force and knowing he faces this danger whenever he gets deployed is scary. That same day, he messaged me on Facebook to tell me that he was proud of me for leaving home and taking on this opportunity. I

couldn't help but cry because I didn't even know he knew about my internship, and because this day was for him and the other veterans, especially those who died and never made it home. He told me he loved me and is proud of the woman I



have become. Taking this into account, I realized that I have been having an impact on my family even though I didn't think some of them knew what I was up to. Going up to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier made me think of my cousin and everything he has sacrificed in order to provide safety and security for his family and others. I was also moved by the veterans present that day who placed wreaths for these unknown soldiers. This was honestly the best way to start off the week.

Since we had Monday off, I had a 4 day work week. It was also a casual week since the Senate wasn't in session. Four new interns joined the office on Tuesday, and they were very helpful in opening and answering the campaign mail. We had 2,000 pieces of mail and we almost finished it all. My work for the week consisted of, checking emails, answering phone calls, and running any errands that the office needed. I did get the opportunity to go on a scavenger hunt with the other interns and it was honestly the most fun I've had at the office. June promises to be a very busy month since we will be in session until the week I leave for home. I am looking forward to actually working with the legislative matters that interests me.

The CAMP interns and I decided that we would try and cook together most of the week since it is cheaper and easier to cook together than separately. We made dinner almost every night, and I must say we definitely made home come to us. One night we made lasagna, another night it was taquitos de papa and frijoladas which was my specialty. Our final meal was pork chops with mashed potatoes that I made from scratch. Let's say that we aren't starving and we're all

bringing a little bit of home into the food we all decide to make together which I believe is bringing us closer together since we are in many aspects, becoming a family.

