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Semper Fi Marines,

It is with heavy heart that I greet you with the unexpected passing of our Commandant Mike Hancock on June 14th. So for now you will be stuck with me. Also, Marine Wolters mother passed away recently.

I would like to thank all the Marines that participated in the ceremony for Commandant Hancock at Camp Ripley. If it wasn't for our Detachment Chaplain Jack Huber spearheading that effort Mike wouldn't have had a proper send off.

At our June meeting, we had a presentation regarding the "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon" campaign. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is a comprehensive program that creates awareness for the purpose of connecting service members and their families with community support, training, services and resources. If you would like additional information, please visit their website, <http://www.btyr.org/>.

I also want to thank the Marines that participated in the Brainerd 4th of July Parade on behalf of the Detachment. I sat on the sidelines and watched.

Upcoming, we have Crow Wing County Fair, August 2nd through the 6th. Please make sure you will be available to cover your duty time. If you think you will have any problems, give me a call at (218) 839-9122. We need to really push selling our raffle tickets before and during the Fair. If you haven't received any tickets yet, contact Marine Steve Amerud at (218) 838-1640 or (218) 764-3170. Marines that work at the Fair Grounds just need to show your Marine Cover at the South Gate only and they will let you in for free.

August 20th starting at 10am is the picnic and membership meeting at Jacks house. The league provides the meat and it is Potluck. There will be fun and games with an Auction of Marine Corps Memorabilia. Please bring a Marine Corps related item for the auction. It's a great day for the families and new prospective members!

The 2012 Memorial Day event in Brainerd will be the responsibility of our local Detachment. If you are interested in spearheading this, please let me know.

Semper Fi,

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