



American Legion Post 108

97 S. Park Avenue, Le Center, MN 56057



"For God and Country"

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Post 108 Commander

My fellow post members and families,

I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Collin Scott and I am the new Commander for Post 108, Le Center. I grew up in New Jersey and moved to Minnesota in December of 2000. I served in the United States Army from '94-98 as an MP. My first duty station was Camp Hialeah, Pusan, Korea. I was then stationed in Stuttgart, Germany, and assigned to Camp Caserma Ederle, Vicenza, Italy. While stationed in Vicenza, I was temporarily stationed in Tazsar, Hungary, and Croatia, where I participated in the draw down of the Bosnian conflict.

After my stint in the military, I returned to the states. I am currently a Special Education Teacher at Tri City United Schools in Montgomery. My community commitments are to the American Legion (Post 108), Sportsman Club (Le Center) and a current member of the Le Center City Council. I am married (Julie), and have two boys (Jack & Adam) and a daughter (Maddy).

As Commander Vern departs from his duties at our post and puts them in my hands, I look forward to the opportunity to not only continue, but to build upon what he has established and built here at our post. As Commander Vern has done, I look to continue the mission of the American Legion, "Committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our community, advocating patriotism and honor, prompting strong national security and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans. As with any change in leadership there also comes changes. I don't expect any significant changes in the near future, but if there is a change and you don't agree with it, please don't hesitate to contact me or a fellow legion member with your concern.

I have five goals as your commander:

1. Continued improvement in our Post.
2. Increased membership attendance at meetings.

3. Increased member volunteerism in Post projects.
4. Leading our Post into a new era of continued community support and veteran advocacy.
5. Continue to be a cornerstone of the Le Center community.

Yours in Service,

Collin Scott, Commander Post 108

Unit 108 President

Welcome Back Ladies!

Fall is here and our monthly meetings have resumed. Our Auxiliary meetings continue to be on the second Monday of each month, but the starting time has changed to 7pm. Please stop by, we would love to see you. Upcoming events: Membership Dinner on Saturday, September 30th. A great time to pay your dues, catch up with old friends and enjoy a great meal. I am excited to announce that we have set the date for our annual Wine and Beer Extravaganza. Please join us on Friday, October 27th from 7-9 pm. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$12 and will be available that night for \$15.

In Service,

Robin Bode, Auxiliary President

Gambling Manager:

Thank you for bringing your family and friends with you on Tuesday's Bingo games. Pots have been nice for each game with the bigger crowds. Meat Raffles in Club #108 start on October 11th at 5pm and will continue every other Wednesday through December. Remember to get to the Legion by 6:30pm as sometimes the games go fast. Burger basket menu is also open on Wednesdays from 5pm to 8pm.

Randy Bode, Post #108 Gambling Manager

Every Week in Oct, Nov & December

Mon:	Ladies Night	3pm-8pm
Tues:	Bar Bingo	6pm
Wed:	Bargo or Trivia	7pm
Thurs:	Poker	7pm

*Meat Raffles every other Wednesday starting
October 11th at 5pm!

Membership Director

The 2018 membership cards are out and dues of \$40 are due now. That \$40 breaks down to \$3.33 a month. That \$3.33 per month supports all the Legion programs.

We thank you for being a Post #108 member. Your timely payment is truly appreciated.

The membership dinner is on Saturday, September 30th, 2017 with Social at 5pm and dinner at 6pm. To all Post, Auxiliary and SAL members, if your dues are paid by or on Sept 30th, your meal is free. For all others, there will be a \$5 charge.

Membership Dinner

When: Saturday, Sept 30th 2017

Where: American Legion Post #108

Time: Social- 5:00pm **Dinner-** 6:00pm

Meet our new Legion Leaders: Commanders of our Post and SAL, Auxiliary President, Club Committee Members and our New Manager.

The dinner is free if you have paid your 2018 Legion (Post/Aux/SAL) dues on or before Sept 30th and only \$5 for non-member guests. Annual Membership Dues:

Post #108 -	\$40
Auxiliary -	\$20
SAL -	\$15

Membership is the backbone of the American Legion Family. Let's have a great turnout of Post, Auxiliary and SAL members and welcome our new Club Manager, Sharon Brunette. See you on Saturday, Sept 30th.

Thank You,
Don Hayden, Post #108 Membership Director

Sons of American Legion

Hello Fellow SAL members,

We had another great summer season with our main fundraising events. Thank you to everyone who helped big and small. Every bit helps.

We have two more meetings, September and October, before we take our holiday break for the months of November and December. So, if you want to bring anything up before the New Year, please make one or both of the upcoming meetings.

We will be back in January and then February will be our annual patriotic kid's bingo.

We need your help getting your 2018 membership dues in so that we are not scrambling in the end. Please submit payment as soon as possible. You can also join us for our annual membership dinner on Sat, Sept 30th and pay your dues there, prior to 6pm.

Thanks everyone,

Tim O'Connell, Squadron #108 Commander

– PLEASE NOTE – PLEASE NOTE –

Do you know members that are not receiving the Post 108 Quarterly Newsletter via email?

Submit name & email address to:
managerclub108@gmail.com and
put "Newsletter" in Subject

Post Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm
Aux Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm
SAL Meetings: 4th Tuesday of meeting months at 7pm

Club 108 Manager

Hello Le Center Legion Community,

I am so honored to be your new Club Manager. Please allow me to tell you a bit about myself. I am an Air Force Veteran and a member of our Post 108. Before I accepted this position, I was a Paraprofessional with the TCU Le Center Elementary school. I was employed with the school for 2 years and leaving the school was a "parting of such sweet sorrow" that only an epic adventure could keep me from missing the kids I worked with. This job, no this adventure, is just the ticket! I have always loved the Le Center American Legion but now being on the other side of the bar is amazing! Everyone has made me so welcome that I have absolutely no regrets!

Since the day I accepted the position I have been brainstorming ideas on how we can grow our club. Keep an eye out for some of my ideas being implemented in the near or not-so-near future. It is my goal to make our Legion a contender in Le Sueur County and the surrounding areas and not just our club but the Post as a whole. Further, if you have ideas of your own please do not hesitate to let me know what they are. It's your club, what do you want to see and do?

On a final note, we are ALWAYS looking for volunteers for the Steak Fry, in our kitchen, and for our various bar events and facility events. Please consider volunteering some of your time. Anything you can do to help out would be very much appreciated. Let's make our Legion stronger than ever!

Thank you,

Sharon Brunette
Club 108 Manager

Club Committee

Fall is right around the corner and soon the fields will be full of activity. We wish all of our farmers and ag workers a safe and successful harvest.

The last several months have been busy ones at the Club. Numerous projects have been started and completed, and several new ones are being analyzed and reviewed for completion this Fall or Winter. Our thanks to all the volunteers who have participated in the planning and completion of these important projects. Perhaps the most note worthy accomplishment of your Club Committee over the last several months was the hiring of our new Manager, Sharon Brunette. Sharon's introduction to the Club has gone extremely well and we are proud to have her on board. If you haven't met Sharon yet make sure you stop in and introduce yourself. Sharon has some great ideas that will add to the many specials and events available to our great customers.

All of our Veterans, Auxiliary and SAL members are reminded of the Legion's Membership Dinner to be held On September 30th in the Hall. Social Hour will begin at 5:00 pm and Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. The meal is FREE for Legion family members who have paid their dues for the coming year. Those who wish to pay their dues on the 30th may do so prior to the dinner. Non-member guests will pay a nominal fee of \$5.00. Please join your Legion Family for a fun evening.

On September 5th the Club Committee held its monthly meeting and elected officers for the upcoming year. On a unanimous vote of the Committee, Bob Lowe was elected Committee Chair and Vern Lundgren was elected Vice Chair. Other members of the Committee include Dan Blaschko, Randy Bode, and Charlie Dempewolf. Gail Blaschko, representing the Auxiliary, has resigned her position on the Committee effective at the October meeting. Thank you for your dedicated service Gail.

Your Club Committee exists to support Post 108 through the operation of the Clubs Bar and Food Services operations, which in turn provide support for both our Veterans and Community. Please feel free to speak with your Club Committee representatives if you have questions or wish to share ideas that will benefit Club operations. There is much to do during this upcoming year and we will need the help of the ENTIRE LEGION FAMILY to accomplish our goals.

Stronger together.....

Bob Lowe, Club Committee Chairman

Post and Club 108 Events

***Sept Events** Sept 30th *Membership Dinner -5pm Social / 6pm Dinner

Oct Events

Ladies Night -3-8pm Every Monday! \$2.25 Beer & Rail Drinks
BINGO -6pm Every Tuesday!
BARGO / Trivia (alternating) -7pm Every Wednesday! Starts with Bargo Oct 4th
POKER -7pm Every Thursday!
Meat Raffle -5pm Wednesday Oct 11th and 25th
Oct 2nd Posse Mtg-7pm
Oct 9th Legion Aux Meeting -7pm / Post Meeting -7:30pm
Oct 11th Bridge Club - Noon
Oct 17th Lions Meeting -7pm
Oct 19th Ladies Birthday Club & Pioneer Power Mtg -8pm
Oct 21st OktoberFest -27th Annual -5-7:00pm (German Dinner with Beer & Music)
Oct 24th SAL Meeting -7pm
Oct 25th Elm Homes Dance
Oct 26th Pioneer Power -7pm
Oct 27th Aux Wine & Brew Extravaganza -7-9pm (various wine & brew tastings and hors d'oeuvres)
Oct 28th Halloween Party (7-11pm) & Steak Fry (Ribeye Steaks, Walleye, Shrimp, Full Salad bar & Kids Meal) -5-8pm

Nov Events

Ladies Night -3 to 8pm Every Monday! \$2.25 Beer & Rail Drinks
BINGO -6pm Every Tuesday!
BARGO / Trivia (alternating) -7pm Starts with Bargo Nov 1st
POKER -7pm Every Thursday! (except Thanksgiving)
Meat Raffle -5pm Wednesday, Nov 8th, 22nd
Nov 8th Bridge Club -Noon
Nov 9th Pioneer Power Mtg -7pm
Nov 10th Veteran's Day Remembrance: 11am Program at LC School. Thank a Veteran for their Service!
Nov 13th Legion Aux Meeting -7pm / Post Meeting -7:30pm
Nov 15th Hibernian Meeting -7:30pm (Catholic Irish Men's Club)
Nov 16th Ladies Birthday Club & Pioneer Power -8pm
Nov 21st Genesis Annual Meeting -7pm Dinner & Lions Meeting -7pm
Nov 23rd Happy Thanksgiving -Closed
Nov 25th Steak Fry (Ribeye Steaks, Walleye, Shrimp, Full Salad bar & Kids Meal) - 5-8pm
Holidazzle Parade -6pm

Dec Events

Ladies Night -3 to 8pm Every Monday! (Except Christmas) \$2.25 Beer & Rail Drinks
BINGO -6pm Every Tuesday!
BARGO / Trivia (alternating) -7pm Starts with Trivia Dec 6th
POKER -7pm Every Thursday!
Meat Raffle -5pm Wednesday, Dec 6th, 20th
Dec 1st Blood Drive 1-7pm
Dec 3rd Winco Christmas Party -7pm
Dec 7th Genesis Meeting
Dec 11th Legion Aux Meeting -7pm / Post Meeting -7:30pm
Dec 13th Bridge Club -Noon
Dec 14th Pioneer Power Christmas Party -7pm
Dec 15th Ladies Birthday Club & Pioneer Power Board Meeting -7pm

Dec 16th Quinceanera Party
 Dec 19th Lion's Meeting -7pm
 Dec 21st Ladies Birthday Club and Pioneer Power -7pm
 Dec 23rd Steak Fry (Ribeye Steaks, Walleye, Shrimp, Full Salad bar & Kids Meal) - 5-8pm
 Dec 24th Tom & Jerry's –Noon to 5pm Close
 Dec 25th Merry Christmas!
 Dec 31st New Year's Eve Party!!
 4:30pm to 8pm Steak Fry (Ribeyes, Walleye, Shrimp, Full Salad bar & Kids Meal)
 Jan 1st Happy New Year –Closed

Watch for the Date: 2018 St. Pat's Grand Marshall Announcement in January

Legion National Emergency Fund

Our Post 108 and members raised \$1612 to help those Legion family members and Posts effected by the recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida. Thank you for your generosity! The fund provides up to \$3000 grant for qualified Legion family members and up to \$10,000 grant for qualified posts. This is one of the many programs and why we belong.

The Preamble to The American Legion Constitution sums up the theme of the National Endowment Fund, "... devotion to mutual helpfulness." This phrase is more than just mere words on paper; it's our pledge of support to Legionnaires and their family members. Since the early 1920s, The American Legion has been actively involved in meeting the needs of both the community and individual Legion Family members in the wake of disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and wildfires.

The National Emergency Fund (NEF), created in response to Hurricane Hugo in 1989, has provided more than \$8 million in direct financial assistance to American Legion Family members and posts. By providing this emergency funding, NEF has prevented damaged posts from closing and enabled American Legion Family members to recover from tragedy.

Every Week in Oct, Nov, Dec			
Mon	Ladies Night	3-8pm	Kitchen is Open (5 to 8pm)
Tues	Bar Bingo	6pm	Tues, Wed & Thurs
Weds	Bargo or Trivia	7pm	<i>Delicious Burgers, Chicken Drummys and Tenders, Shrimp, and Fish Sandwiches!!!</i>
Thurs	Poker	7pm	<i>Great tasting pizza's also available</i>

Thanks to all our Post, Aux and Squadron #108 members and friends who support our Club operations and try their luck at pull tabs, bingo, bargo & meat raffles

A special thanks to our Legion family and the friends of Post 108 who volunteer their time to support our activities.

We need extra volunteers to help out our cooks and bingo workers, especially during the winter months when many of our volunteers will be heading south.

Thank you for your support and patronage!!

To see the latest Post #108's quarter newsletter:

1. Stop by Club 108 at 3:30pm the 1st Monday of each Qtr for the newsletter unveiling.
2. Stop by the Legion anytime and ask to see a copy.
3. Find it on our website: www.lclegion.org
4. Receive it by email: Send an email with your name and preferred email address to: managerclub108@gmail.com.
5. Ask a friend or family member to print it off and drop it off or mail it to you.

Book Your Event Now:

5 Contact Sharon Brunette, Club 108 Manager at 357-4787 or email her at: managerclub108@gmail.com
 We promise to make your event a truly remarkable affair.
 We promise to exceed your expectations and stay within your budget. You will be glad you did!!