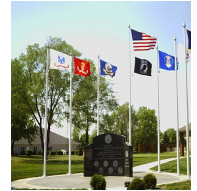




American Legion Post 108

97 S. Park Avenue, Le Center, MN 56057



"For God and Country"

www.lclegion.org

July/Aug/Sept 2017

Post 108 Commander

Post 108 Members:

All members of our Legion Family, time again to update our Post activities. It has been a busy three months. Welcome to all our new members and we miss our Past members.

Lately we have had our Fish Fry's, Bean Bag tournament, Dances, Fund Raisers, Civic Meetings, Le Center Fireman's event, Memorial Day Program and several other events that keep our employee's and volunteer brigade very busy.

We couldn't ask for a more efficient group to be promoting our Post functions and providing the labor to get it done. We always need more volunteers. Please consider stepping up to help.

We continue to try to improve our Post facility with new paint, cleaning, a redo of our main hall with new ceiling, lights and sound system. I am sure others in this letter will say more on this. Without help we would not be able to keep moving forward.

We are working on and will soon have a new commander, new vices, and other Post positions being filled for the upcoming year (or 2 or 3). If anyone desires to become involved, please come to meetings and volunteer to fill a spot. I want to thank all who have helped me the last three years. I hope what we have done in the last few years, in getting the Post on an even keel, was what our membership will approve of. Our time of going through some troubling waters and some very rough seas and coming out "Full Steam Ahead" in making our Post home an important part of the community and helping take care of veterans.

Thank You,

Vern Lundgren, Commander Legion Post 108

Unit 108 President

Greetings Ladies,

I hope you are all enjoying the summer with family and friends.

A special thanks to all the Legion family members who helped us have another successful Poppy Day and Memorial Day program.

We hope to see you at our next meeting: 7:30pm on Sept 11th.

Robin Bode, Unit 108 Auxiliary President

Gambling Manager

Thank you for supporting Post 108 and our gambling operations by attending our weekly bar Bingo games on Tuesday night. If you have never participated in this fun event, we invite you to drop by with your friends or family members this summer. It is quite fun and you have a chance to win two \$500 pots each week, plus the other weekly prizes.

With your participation at Bingo and trying your luck at pull tabs, Post 108 can honor more donation requests to serve our Veterans in need and help out our community.

Regards,

Randy Bode, Gambling Manager

Post and Auxiliary Meetings

2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm

SAL Meetings

4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm

Every Week in July/Aug/Sept

Tues:	Bar Bingo (Not July 4 th)	6pm
Weds:	Bargo (Resumes Sept 6 th)	7pm
Thurs:	Poker	7pm

SAL Squadron

Hello SAL members and Le Center Legion Community,

The SAL continues to be going strong, and I have all of you to thank for that, along with our community support. This summer I ask if at one or all upcoming events you spare some time to help, even for a short time helps. We have the 2nd Annual BBQ cook-off, and our annual Bass fishing contest. I will be sending out emails soon with exact dates. If you know you want to help, please contact Wally Blaschko. Along those events the Legion is hosting a poker motorcycle and classic car run on July 15 and can use help with registration and various other tasks. Contact Bob Lowe.

Memorial Day was a huge success and thank you to all members that participated. It was great to once again see the SAL fall in with the Color/Honor Guards.

Commander Tim, SAL Post #108 Commander

The 3rd Annual SAL Bass Fishing Contest

Scheduled for Saturday, August 19th, 2017, from 7am to 2pm it is sure to be another fun event. Last year was a great success and we have made some positive changes based on your feedback. See details at the Club, on FB, or call Mike Thelemann (952-201-9382) or Dan Tousely (507-317-4377). Proceeds from this event will go to the American Legion Post 108, SAL Squadron 108 and the Le Center Sportsmen's Club.

The banquet/social hour following the tournament starts at 5pm in the Legion Hall and is open to all. You don't have to be a fisherman/woman to attend the banquet. So invite your friends and join us for a refreshment or two, socialize and have a delicious steak or shrimp dinner for \$25 per adult and \$6 kids meal.

See you soon! Bragging rights and some serious cash prizes are up for grabs.

2nd Annual Backyard BBQ Cook-Off

Fire up those grills, perfect your favorite recipe and join the fun as you compete (or watch), in a battle of the grills, on Saturday, July 29th.

Exact rules and details for participants are available at Club 108, on our website (lcl Legion.org) or contact Wally Blaschko (507-420-0549). There are some great prizes to be won; and of course, bragging rights are up for grabs.

For spectators, come and join in on the fun. You can listen to music by Black Rose Productions, observe the dedicated grillers or play in the bean bag tournament, all out front of the Legion.

Dinner is served from 4-8pm (or until gone). A \$15 meal ticket gets you a great meal (choice of ribs, pulled pork sandwich or chicken dummies, plus side dish and a ticket for the raffle drawing.

Flag Retirement Box

Thanks to Cmdr Vern Lundgren and his handy work, Post #108 and the Le Center Community now has a patriotic and convenient way to retire their American flags. Situated just to the right of the Legion's main entrance, you can simply put your torn, worn or weathered flag into the mailbox. The flag will drop into an Army ammunition box receptacle for safe storage until it can be properly disposed of.

It is a beautiful addition to our Post home and it will certainly be used often. Stop by and check it out!



Color Guard Events

We hope you will join our Legion/VFW Color Guard as we march in parades in North Morristown (10am) and Elysian (2pm) on our Independence Day. We will line up 30 minutes prior to each parade and will have a Picnic in Elysian (North Park) at 12pm. Please bring a dish to pass; beverages and hotdogs are provided.

“THANK A VET” NOMINATION

Nominate your Veteran: a Father, Mother, Daughter, Son Grandfather, Grandmother or friend to have their military service highlighted at Post #108. There are no restrictions on rank, time in service, active duty or reserve, young or old. Please only nominate a Veteran that has been asked if they would participate. We do not want to select them if they are not comfortable with the program.

The nomination form is available at the Legion or you can cut it out below, fill it out and drop it off at the Legion. The Post will contact the Veteran and get more information and access to some photos, memorabilia, or whatever the Veteran (or Veteran's family member if deceased) will be displayed at the Legion for one month. Nominations will be presented at the Post Meeting and selected by the membership. Veteran nominations not selected will stay on the list for the next Post Meeting.

Give Nomination Form to any Post Officer or leave in an envelope marked “Post Commander” at Club 108.

American Legion Post 108 “Thank a Veteran” Nomination Form:

VETERAN _____

SERVICE & DATES _____

COMMANDS/UNITS _____

NOMINATED BY _____

PHONE _____

Sergeant at Arms

††TAPS††

Post #108 and VFW #1803 Honor Guard performed Military Funerals for our fallen comrades:

† Harry Christian † Edmund “Eddie” Dorzinski

† Norbert F. Gentz

Membership Director

The 2018 American Legion membership renewal cards will be coming out in July. Post #108 dues will be \$40 which costs you less than \$4 per month to support all the Legion programs.

Some of the programs are Legion Baseball, Boy's State, Oratorical, Veteran's Assistance, and many more. We support Veterans, their families and many local programs.

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

Don Hayden, Membership Director

Membership Dinner

WHEN: Saturday, Sept 30th 2017

WHERE: Le Center American Legion

TIME: Social 5-6pm, Dinner at 6pm

To all Post, Auxiliary, and SAL members whose dues are paid by this day, your meal will be free. All others there will be a nominal fee. Keep this date open for food, fun and fellowship.

Club 108 Events

July Events

July 3rd Posse -7pm

Happy 4th of July – “Closed”

10am Parade –North Morristown; Noon Picnic Elysian, 2pm Parade -Elysian

BINGO -6pm July 11th 18th 25th

POKER -7pm July 6th 13th 20th 27th

July 8th Fundraiser Benefit for Myles Genelin 4-8pm

July 10th Post Meeting -7:30pm

July 15th LC Veterans Pork Chop Poker Run -Dinner 5-8pm

July 19th Elm Holmes Dance -7pm

July 20th Ladies Birthday Club

July 21st Veteran’s Family and Community Sweet Corn & Hotdog Feed -(5-7pm or until Gone)

((Fun, Food, Music, Beverages and Bean Bags)) -Free Will Donation

July 22nd Legion Steak Fry: (Ribeye Steaks, Walleye, Shrimp, Full Salad bar & Kids Meal) - 5-8pm

July 25th SAL Meeting -7pm

July 27th Pioneer Power -8pm

July 28th American Red Cross Blood Mobile -Noon to 6pm

July 29th 2nd Annual Backyard BBQ Cook Off

Participants will be cooking out front all morning. Bean Bags Tournament at 2pm

\$15 Dinner Served from 4-8pm (or until gone)

Aug Events

BINGO -6pm Aug 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

POKER -7pm Aug 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

Aug 7th Posse Meeting -7pm

Aug 9th Bridge Club –Noon

Aug 14th Post Meeting -7:30pm

Aug 16th Elm Holmes Dance -7pm

Aug 17th Ladies Birthday Club -7pm

Aug 19th 3rd Annual SAL Fishing Tournament -5pm Social Hour/Banquet (Kids meals \$6/Adults \$25))

Aug 22nd SAL Meeting -7pm

Aug 23rd Bridge Club -Noon

Aug 26th Steak Fry (Ribeye Steaks, Walleye, Shrimp, Full Salad bar & Kids Meal) - 5-8pm

Sept Events

BINGO -6pm Sept 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

BARGO -7pm Sept 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

POKER -7pm Sept 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Sept 2nd Wedding “Congratulations!”

Sept 4th Happy Labor Day (Closed)

Sept 11th Post / Aux Meeting -7:30pm

Sept 13th Bridge Club -Noon

Sept 16th Tim Connolly Benefit Steak Fry -5-8pm

Sept 19th Lions Meeting -7pm

Sept 20th Elm Holmes Dance -7pm

Sept 21st Ladies Birthday Club -7pm

Sept 23th Steak Fry (Ribeye Steaks, Walleye, Shrimp, Full Salad bar & Kids Meal) - 5-8pm

Sept 25th Community Club Meeting -7pm Dinner

Sept 27th Bridge Club -Noon & SAL Meeting 7pm

Sept 28th Pioneer Power -8pm

Sept 30th Legion Membership Dinner. 5pm Social / 6pm Dinner



Thank You Volunteers!! Patrons are Happy!



Club Committee

We have received many compliments from members and patrons about our newly remodeled hall. It looks and sounds awesome with new LED lights, ceiling tile and a sound system that is crystal clear. Stop by and check it out! Thank You volunteers for donating your time and talents in this project, a great upgrade to our facility.

Summer at the Legion will be another fun and eventful time with SAL sponsored events like the 2nd Annual BBQ Cook Off on July 29th and the 3rd Annual Bass Fishing Contest on August 19th. If you are not competing in these events, please support them by buying a ticket or stopping by for a beer or two.

Saturday, July 15th marks the Le Center Legion Post 108's first annual Veteran Pork Chop Poker Run & Dinner (formally the "Le Center Fire Department Pork Chop Run"). It will be a fun ride, stopping at various Legion Posts throughout the area, but starting and ending in Le Center. Dinner is served from 5-8pm for only \$10, so consider buying a ticket or two to help make this event a success this first year.

Our 3rd Annual Sweet Corn Feed is back, with a twist. To show our appreciation to the entire Legion family (Post, Aux and SAL) and as thank you for their membership and service, we are having free event (free will donations accepted) for all the Le Center community. Stop by, Friday, July 21st with your family and show support for our area Veterans. Starts at 5pm until the sweetcorn and hotdogs are gone.

As I type this column, we are still in the process of confirming a new manager for our Club operations. Negotiations continue with a great candidate, and we also have two more applications that came to us recently. If you know of someone who has managing experience and would like to work for the Legion, please have them contact us immediately.

It has been an honor to serve on the Club Committee the past 12 years. As I come to the end of my final year, we are in a good place financially, we have great a committee to move us forward, a large Legion family membership to secure our Post, a very dedicated number of volunteers and employees, and a very supporting community to ensure our continued success. Thank you to everyone who have worked with and for us, for the good of the Legion and the Veterans we serve. We would not have survived the tough times without each one of you supporting the Legion in one way or another. Thank You!

Check out our calendar and stop by soon for one of our upcoming events, we certainly do appreciate your patronage!

For the Good of the Legion,

Dale "Doc" Schmoll, Club Committee Co-Chair

Website: www.lclegion.org

Facebook: Le Center American Legion Post 108

Post 108 members are all invited to come to our monthly meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm. Would you like to get more involved and help shape our future and our direction?

–Please consider volunteering to assist Commander Vern and the Post Officers.

THANK YOU to those volunteers who went above and beyond in donating their time, talents and tools in our Legion Hall renovation project. It looks great and sounds super with our new sound system!

Companies:

Hardware Hank, Miller Electric, Joe's Welding, Technical Solutions, Carl Menk (TCU)

Individuals:

Warren Connolly, Tom Vavra, Wally Blaschko, Randy Blaschko, Vern Lundgren, Charlie Dempewolf, Jim Selly, Collin Scott, Lyle Blaschko, Bob Lowe, JR & Meg Rethwell, John & Shannon Ziegler, Deb O'Connell, Dan Blaschko and Doc Schmoll.

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

Are you ready to step Up and Out? Here are eight ways YOU can help to keep Post 108 GREAT!

Donate your time and/or talents:

1. Get involved with the Post, Auxiliary, SAL or Club Committee. Come to the meetings and/or volunteer for a leadership office or for one of the committees.
2. Grill (or deliver) burgers from 5-8pm once a month or more if you like.
3. Set up or clean up after events.
4. Steak Fry Crews: grilling steaks, taking tickets or delivering food.
5. Help with promotions: print, post or deliver flyers to places of work, family & friends.
6. Bingo and meat raffle volunteers.
7. Help spread the word: print off event flyers from Post #108's website and forward the promo emails. Post them at work and hand them out to friends.
8. Make a donation to Post 108 or set up a monthly auto withdrawal from your account. It is tax deductible and we certainly appreciate and need the financial support. Information slips at bar.

Every Week in July, Aug and Sept

Tuesdays:	Bar Bingo (Not July 4 th)	6pm
Wed:	Bargo Resumes Sept 6th	7pm
Thursdays:	Poker	7pm

Kitchen is Open Weekly (5 to 8pm)

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
Delicious Burger & Chicken Baskets
Great tasting pizza's also available



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