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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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Commander’s Message Lee Luby



This may be my last article as Post 60 Commander if we have a non-contested ballot in April. What a great 13 years it has been! It has been my pleasure to serve all four Units and to be Commander of one of the most active and successful Posts in Maryland. All of you have made me proud and I am not disappearing. You can't get rid of me that easily! I am running for 1st Vice Commander and, if elected, will be keeping my desk since everyone says that it is too disgusting for a new Commander to occupy. The cleaner, more orderly desk in the office will be the spot of honor. Thank you for all of your support and help over the years, and I assure you that my gray hair is the result of age, not my experience as your Commander.

As we move into a new group of officers it is important to give our new and returning leaders all of our attention and aid as they take over the Post operations. We must continue to support programs and do our part to assure that we have all successes and no failures. We must continue to volunteer and to do all we can to promote programs and all activities proposed by our Units, working together to make sure that we succeed. Our officers are all volunteers and deserve the support of everyone who is a member or a guest. We wish them all good luck and prosperity as they take over their new responsibilities.

Remember that there are conventions coming up for all Units and rules must be followed to assure that your experience is a good one. Most of the instructions for the General Assembly are in the lounge so be sure to read them so that you don't run into problems. If you are going to the Ocean City Convention, all Legionnaires must give their name to me so that I can arrange for credentials to get you into the sessions. Instructions are also there for shirts, classes and other necessary info. We always have a good turnout and look forward to that again this year.

April is Children and Youth month, and it is important for us to remember that they are the future of the American Legion. An important event is scheduled for our Post on April 27th--American Legion Family Day. We will provide a wide variety of activities for kids and their families to stress the importance of youth in our organization and will be working with the Blue Star Organization to have a memorable Family Day at our Post. This idea comes from

JR Hall, our National Commander for the Sons of the American Legion, and we hope that you will join us to make it a success. Please let everyone know about it and invite them to attend.

Please remember that this is the last month for Post 60 elections. Be sure to fill out a nomination form for candidates that you feel will do a great job to accomplish our goals. Ballots and envelopes are in the lounge, and it is important to put your Unit on the front of the envelope before placing it in the suggestion box so that it is opened only by the election committee from your Unit. Remember that any ballot not signed by BOTH the nominator and the nominee will be disqualified. Good luck to all nominated members who will work to make this the best year that we have ever had.

I thank you for supporting me over the years and for your strong and positive attitude. I hope that our new officers will find it as enjoyable as I did. Keep up the good work and we will have a successful Legion year.



**AL Laurel Post 60
Commander 2010-2024
Shirley E. “Lee” Luby**



Auxiliary Unit 60

ALA President Nancy Slavinski



*April showers bring May flowers and look how fast the **Cherry Blossoms** popped in March. Breaking records of past years – who knew!*

April Fool's day is always fun with jokes on our friends and loved ones. Who did you fool this time? April is also a great month to promote Arbor Day on April 26th, so look for locations to make the world a little greener.

Our Backpacks of Love collection continues so please consider a donation to this organization or the Poppy program.

Come in to spend a Wednesday evening with us at the Legion as the Queen of Hearts continues – the food is awesome, and it's a great opportunity to spend time with friends and have a chance to win big \$\$\$\$!

The Basket of Cheer winner was drawn on March 16th and that lucky person was Dave "Country" Manchias. Congrats!!

Family Day at American Legion Post 60 is on April 27th, bring your family in and enjoy a great time with food, games, moon bounces, and more.

The waiting is over! We will have a **2024 Spring Wreath Craft Night on April 15th, from 6:30-9:30 PM**. If you're interested in joining us, please see Denise Person for more information or to sign up.

Election nomination forms for 2024-2025 were due by April 1st, but nominations can still be made from the floor at our May meeting. Our ALA's Election Committee Chair is Lucy Haggerty, and the Committee Members are Janice Maloney and Barbara Rhodes. Thanks, in advance for those who chose to either rerun or run for an open position.

The pop-top program continues! Please contribute those aluminum can pop-tops (any can) for us to support our next charity.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Total members paid to date for FY 2024 is 275 which is 93.22% of goal.

1. <https://www.legion-aux.org/Renew> -or-
2. (317) 569-4570 The hours to call are Monday-Friday, 8AM-4:30PM EST

Questions? carlymon4@gmail.com



Our VOLUNTEERS that made the Easter Party happen!

Photo credit: David Privott



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Renew your 2024 ALA membership

If renewing through NATIONAL
call (317) 569-4570
Visa or MC accepted.

To print your membership card
go to
www.alaforveterans.org

For additional information contact:
ALAPresidentunit60@gmail.com
or
Membershipunit60@gmail.com

Please note: Dual members must pay through Unit 60 Auxiliary

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Red Cross Blood Drive Coming to Post 60 April 22nd



The American Red Cross needs our help. Since the beginning of 2020, many thousands of blood drives have been cancelled. **Blood Drives are essential** and are in direct support to the emergency services remaining open to sustain the continuing fight against chronic illnesses and diseases.

Please join us on **April 22nd**, and help us make this the most successful Blood Drive that we have ever supported.

To sign up, go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org>
Find a Blood Drive (top right), enter **Laurel Post 60**.
Click on **See Times**, and select the donation and time that you want to give. If you need assistance, please contact Dave Tyson at (410) 491-5028. If you get the recorded message, please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Blood Drive Information:

Date: 22 April 2024

Time: 1:00 – 6:00 PM

Location: The American Legion, Laurel Post 60

2 Main Street

Laurel MD 20707

We need your help and look forward to seeing you on April 22nd.



ALR Post 60 Honors the Young Marines

The Young Marines were recognized by the Post 60 ALR Riders for their invaluable assistance during many of the ALR ceremonies held at the Post. Post 60 Chaplain Martin Berman and ALRs Bruce Person and Quinn Harry presented the Young Marines with ALR Challenge coins for their support.



Photo credit: Josie Lohman



Post 60 ALR Riders

Lenny Francioni
ALR Director



Happy Spring fellow Riders,

Let us look to longer days and better riding weather. Please come up with some ideas for riding, even if it's a small pick-up ride that we can do from time to time. Please keep your head on a swivel because cars aren't paying us no never mind. Wear your protective gear, even if you get hot, your protection is paramount.

Thank you to all who have supported the Queen of heart nights, and Bingo's 50/50. You all are doing a superb job raising the funds in our piggy bank.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Annual Bike Blessing, we had a super turnout with 70+ vehicles to be blessed by seven Chaplains. Some pictures from this event are in the right-hand column and we should have more next month!

Blessing of the Bikes March 16th, 2023



Thank you as well to all who helped support the Children's Easter Party (some of them seen above). They were manning their posts and ready to pass out hot dogs, chips and bottled water to our guests.

As we look ahead, I must remind all that April brings the Nominations for the upcoming year's officers, all are open seats. New blood with new ideas would be great for the Riders. Voting will happen in May and installation of officers on Thursday June 20th, 2024, following dinner at 6:00 PM.





Post 60 Entertainment
Josie Lohman
2nd Vice Commander



It's that time of year again... Spring, and that means Little League baseball will soon be returning. Bet you can guess what I'm going to say next, we will need volunteers! The snack shack will be opening in May, and we need your help! Please consider volunteering to work a shift or two, the more volunteers we get the better. Contact me for more information.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our St. Patrick's Day Celebration. We had plenty of great food and our favorite DJ Butch provided us with some terrific music. It was nice to see everyone wearing their green and having a great time.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Our "surprise" has finally been delivered and is ready to go! We now have frozen drinks! The two flavors at this time are Rumrunner and Margarita. Your choice of alcohol will be added when ordered, this gives us the option of having nonalcoholic slushies as well. Now all we need is warmer weather. Actually, that doesn't really matter, does it?

Do you have your tickets yet for the Coach Purse Bingo on April 14th? I've already been shopping for Coach Purses, no big surprise there! Oh, what fun it is to spend the Legion's money. I even stopped at a Coach store while I was in Maine. I might have bought an extra special one, but I still haven't decided if it will be for the bingo or me...

Warmer weather means happy hours on the deck and baseball games to watch, just a couple of things to look forward to at Post 60. Our calendar is full of all the great things happening, weekend entertainment and a family day too!



Granita Countertop Frozen Drink System
"It's 5 o'clock somewhere!"



"It's always 5 o'clock at the 'Fun Post!!'"

Photo credits: Kory, Josie Lohman, Bella Slainte



Joe's Journey
Joe Lohman
SAL Detachment of MD



With three months remaining in this administration year, the schedule has picked up and I look forward to an exciting and rewarding experience.

I want to thank the Post 60 family for attending the annual Detachment Commanders Drawdown in Perryville, MD. This was a super exciting event as **we raised over \$60,000 in just four hours**. This event alone put us over \$80,000 for the year and we are looking forward to building a pavilion for our children and youth in Maryland.

On March 9th, several of us from Post 60 had the honor of attending the annual Casey Cares gala at the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore, Maryland. It is a privilege supporting our critically ill children in the Baltimore area.

On March 16th, the American Legion National Commander visited Maryland and the annual National Commander's banquet (below) was held at Post 278 in Stevensville. I had the opportunity to say a few words on behalf of the Detachment of Maryland and the honor to donate \$5,000 to the National Emergency Fund and \$5,000 to the Commander's project which is the American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF).



The Caravan Team had a quick trip on Sunday, March 3rd, and we visited two posts in the Southern Maryland Region; the Guy Carleton Parlett Post 7 in Crownsville, and Cummings-Behlke Post 226 in Mayo. A wonderful time at both Posts!

Thank you again for all your support.,

Joe Lohman
 Commander
 Detachment of Maryland



On Track
Mike Obremski
SAL Detachment of MD



Due to the hard work by Squadron 60 and the entire Detachment of Maryland, membership is ahead of the timetable that National Headquarters put out at the beginning of the year. But just because the Squadron and Detachment have been pouring on the steam to get where you are now, you should not slow down or let the brakeman take control. This is the hardest time right now to pick up those few that have not jumped aboard and renewed. There is very little time and space left in the pullman cars. Please climb aboard now so you can reach 100% and see Promontory Point, before the May 15th deadline.

I also wish to express my gratitude to the entire Legion 60 Family (Legion, Sons, Auxiliary and Riders) for the support you have given me during this journey as 1st Vice for the Detachment of Maryland. I only hope that come June 23rd when I embark on my next journey, that you still remain with me through the final leg within Detachment. Your support means a lot to me and just having the opportunity to move ahead and represent "The Fun Post" means the world to me.

Yours in service
 Michael Obremski
 Leading Candidate for
 Commander- Detachment of Maryland



The Caravan visiting Guy Carleton Parlett Post 7 in Crownsville, Maryland.

Photo credits: Jeffery Thorne



ALA Unit 60 Childrens Easter Party March 23rd, 2024



April 2024

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Color Guard Meeting 6:30 pm	2	3 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	4 SAL Meeting 7 pm	5 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	6 Greater Image 7:30 pm
7	8 ALA Mtg 7 pm	9	10 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Mtg 7 pm	11 Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm	12 Lost & Found 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	13 Jerry and the Heartaches 7:30 pm
14 Coach Purse Bingo 1-6 pm	15 Spring Wreath Craft Night 6:30-9:30 pm	16	17 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	18 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	19 Mike, Deb & Bob 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	20 Gary & the Groove 7:30 pm
21	22	23	24 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	25	26 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	27 AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY DAY 10:00-2:00 pm Black Falls Band 7:30 pm
28	29	30	31 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM		

**Post 60 Kitchen is Open
Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM**

May 2024

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Post 60 Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM		Happy Hour Mon - Fri 4 to 7 PM		1 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	2 SAL Meeting 7 pm	3 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)
4 Rebound 7:30 pm	5	6 Color Guard Meeting 6:30 pm	7	8 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Mtg 7 pm	9 Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm	10 Echo 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)
11 3 'til Midnight 7:30 pm	12	13 ALA Mtg 7 pm	14	15 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	16 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	17 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)
18 Out of Order 7:30 pm	19	20	21	22 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	23	24 The Reilly Goualt Band 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)
25 Wild Grey Hairz 7:30 pm	26	27 Memorial Day DJ Butch 1-3 pm	28	29 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	30	31 Lost & Found 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 Bingo)



AMERICAN LEGION POST 60 WELCOMES THE LAUREL COMMUNITY TO FAMILY DAY, APRIL 27TH, 2024 10:00-2:00 PM



**GAMES!
RIDES!
FOOD!**



Blue Star Families



IT IS TIME FOR THE ANNUAL MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD EVENT!

Join Blue Star Families and the American Legion for the STEM Extravaganza!



**APRIL 27TH, 2024
10.00 AM - 2 PM**

RAIN DATE: APRIL 28

**American Legion Post 60
2 Main St.
Laurel, Md
20707**

**RESERVE
YOUR SPOT
NOW BY
REGISTERING.**



JOIN US ON APRIL 27TH
FOR A DAY OF LEARNING,
LAUGHTER, AND LASTING
MEMORIES.



Post 60 Ranch



STEM EXPERIENCES

Engage in hands-on STEM activities that will spark curiosity and creativity.

DRONE DEMONSTRATIONS

Witness the marvels of modern technology with exciting drone displays.

FREE STEM BOOKS

Take home educational resources to continue the learning adventure, books provided by First Book.

RESOURCE ACTIVITES

Explore a variety of resources designed to support military families in STEM education

GAMES & RIDES

Enjoy a day filled with thrilling games and exciting rides for all ages.

LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS

Fuel up with delicious food and refreshments available throughout the event.

**TOGETHER, LET'S EMPOWER OUR
MILITARY CHILDREN TO REACH FOR THE
STARS!**

GUEST SPEAKER



KENNEDY TAYLOR

Gain insights from Miss Maryland Kennedy Taylor, Senior Cyber Security Consultant as she shares her expertise in the world of Cyber.



Bingo Night

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EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT FROM 5:30 - 8 PM AT POST 60

1ST & 3RD (& 5TH) FRIDAY	2ND & 4TH FRIDAY
CANTEEN 60	P & G CATERING
<i>Where Something Good Is Always Cooking</i> By Squadron 60	<i>Classic Favorites with a Modern Twist</i> By Patricia King

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ESCORTED TOUR - NORMANDY, PARIS, LOIRE VALLEY 11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS

Queen of Hearts Jackpot Raffle and Game Night

At American Legion Post 60
Beginning Wednesday, September 6th, 2023
Games Begin at 5 pm, Queen Drawing at 7:15 pm

Every Wednesday Night
Until the Queen of Hearts is drawn

Raffle Tickets \$5 each (3 for \$10)
Ask about our loyalty card program

Remember - Only Members are Permitted to Play
Only American Legion Family Members are eligible to win the Queen of Hearts drawing, so be sure to bring your Current Membership Card.

All participants must be 21 years of age - We comply with IRS Gambling Winnings Rules

Additional details, including the COMPLETE set of rules and payout information will be displayed at Post 60 prior to the first drawing

The Queen of Hearts game will be administered by SAL Squadron 60

2024 will mark 80 years since D-Day at Omaha Beach. This escorted tour is organized by a local ALA member for next September and is open to all adults. Limited slots available! Travel insurance and payment plans available. Free refreshments provided at information meetings!

Other tours: Greece 9d/7n - October 2024. If interested in either, email allabroadjourneys@gmail.com to be placed on info meeting list.

Other Notes/Dates Of Interest

- If you wish to submit articles and pictures for the newsletter, please submit them to the editor at: oxonhillbilly@comcast.net. Articles and pictures must be about the Legion Family, veterans or the community Post 60 supports. **All information must be received by the deadline of 8:00 AM, 22nd of the month to make it into the current newsletter. Submissions after that date will make it into the following month's newsletter.**

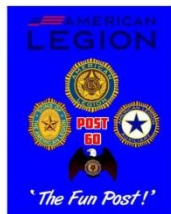
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Link: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/364213691671/>



Post 60 T-Shirts

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Available Sizes:

Men - Medium to 4X

Women - Small to 3X



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY Ongoing Community Outreach Programs

FOOD PANTRY



Laurel Advocacy & Referral Service

LARS supports the Laurel Community and many of the people they serve are veterans and their families. It is one of Post 60's ongoing projects to support LARS, there is a food collection bin set up in our lounge. LARS will accept anything that is non-perishable, but they are always in need of peanut butter & jelly, tuna, pasta & sauce, cereal, and oatmeal. Please consider bringing in at least one non-perishable food item whenever you visit us at Post 60.

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Commander	Lee Luby
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2ndVice	Josie Lohman
Judge Advocate	Richard Harding
Finance Officer	Melvin Campbell
Chaplain	Martin Berman
Service Officer	Leroy Bell
Historian	John Musgrove
Sgt-at-Arms	Melvin Campbell
Adjutant	Mac McNally

SAL Squadron 60

Commander	Rob Monko
1st Vice	Eddie Souder
2ndVice	Tom Allen
3 rd Vice	John Brinton
Finance	Martin Caslow
Chaplain	Tony Scovitch
Sgt-at-Arms	Charlie Turner
Historian	John Musgrove
Adjutant	Vacant
Parliamentarian	M. Obremski
Advisor	Chris Davis

Auxiliary Unit 60

President	Nancy Slavinski
1st Vice	Carolyn Monko
2nd Vice	Catie Stearns
Secretary	Lucy Haggerty
Treasurer	Tris Thomas
Chaplain	Lisa Ertz
Historian	Vacant
Sgt-at-Arms	Denise Person

Legion Riders

Director	Lenny Francioni
Asst Director	Rona Francioni
Secretary	Christel Lopez-Berryman
Treasurer	Barclay Butler
Sgt-at-Arms	Chris DiPasquale
Chaplain	Charley Buckley
Safety Officer	Pedro Lopez
Road Captain	Lenny Francioni
Membership	Pedro Lopez
Public Affairs	Quinn Harry

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Commander's Last Shout

Thanks to John Brinton for taking over the position of Business Manager. We really appreciate you!

Thanks to all of the Legion members who made it possible for Post 60 to donate over \$140,195.00 to Legion programs and charities.

Thanks to all of the members who attended Joe Lohman's fund raiser at the fire house in Perry Point which raised over \$60,000.00 for Joe's programs.

Thanks to the election committees of all four Units for taking control of the Post elections and for counting all the votes.

Thanks to all of the members who served as officers this year. We could not have accomplished our goals without you.

Thanks to the Post Executive Committee for hashing out and finding solutions to all of the issues at our Post this year. I never could have done it without them.

Thanks to all of you who took part in and attended the memorial service for Sarge Blanton.

Thanks to everyone who cooked delicious food for our St. Patrick's Day party and for DJ Butch for his amazing music.

Thanks to the Post Auxiliary for hosting the fun Easter Party for the neighborhood kids.

Thanks to the ALR for hosting The Blessing of the Bikes and for the wonderful show of dedication to the safety of our motorcyclists.

We e-mail the website link for our Post Newsletter and other items of interest to members that have access to e-mail and the Internet. Please send your e-mail address to: lubyshirley@gmail.com and it will be added to our email list. Your e-mail will be used for Post 60 notifications only, it will *NOT* be given out to solicitors.

Post Phone: (301) 725-2302

Website: <http://laurelpost60.org>

Post Meetings

General Membership
7:00 pm Third Thursday

Executive Committee
7:00 pm Second Thursday
*Note: Except the 2nd Thursday
In July Due to Convention*

Auxiliary Unit 60
General Membership
7:00 pm Second Tuesday

SAL Squadron 60
7:00 pm First Thursday

American Legion Riders
7:00 pm Second Wednesday


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not have E-Mail**

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