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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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"The Fun Post"

August 2025



Josie Lohman Commander, AL Post 60



As we enter August, I would like to take a moment to reflect on our July achievements. Several executive committee members and I attended the Department of Maryland Legion Convention in Ocean City, where Post 60 was honored with multiple awards. Notably, we received the 100% Membership Award - my sincere appreciation goes to Lee Luby for her dedicated service and hard work in helping us reach this milestone. Additionally, our SAL was named Squadron of the Year for District 5. We also earned second place as top donor for our contribution to the Maryland Gold Star Legacy Run to benefit the Children's Foundation, raising over \$20,000 as a legion family. For the fourteenth consecutive year, we were recognized for producing the Best Newsletter. John Musgrove consistently delivers an outstanding publication each month with assistance from our proofreaders.

I am deeply honored to have received the Legionnaire of the Year award. This recognition reflects the many achievements our post accomplished throughout the 2024-2025 year. Although the award was presented to me, it is truly a testament to the collective efforts of our entire post family. Post 60 is fortunate to have committed volunteers and members who are dedicated to supporting our veterans and advancing the mission of the American Legion. Our Post family has worked diligently to raise funds and organize events, all for the betterment of our post. While I may hold the position of commander, I am fully committed to working alongside each of you. It is not my approach to simply delegate tasks and observe from a distance -I believe in leading by example and being supportive every step of the way. So, let's congratulate one another on a job well done!

I'm sure you've noticed, renovations at our Post are currently underway. The project is scheduled for completion by mid-August, subject to weather conditions. We appreciate your patience and cooperation with the construction teams during this time. Please note that all events scheduled in the hall (bingo, crab feast, meetings) will require entry through the front doors, and we kindly ask everyone to remain courteous throughout the renovation period. Additionally, there will be changes to front door access; a temporary handicap ramp will be available only for the duration of the project and will be removed once renovations are complete. We have waited a long time for these improvements, only a few more weeks to go!





Blocked off Bingo Door

Temporary handicap ramp out front

Please mark your calendars for Friday, August 22nd. The Post 60 Color Guard will be competing at the National American Legion Convention in Tampa Bay, Florida. The competition is scheduled to begin at 4:00 PM, and, according to department, it will be streamed live for public viewing. The Color Guard has practiced weekly for nearly a year and handled their own fundraising. If you haven't had the opportunity to see them during practice, let me tell you they are looking SHARP!! Let's congratulate the Color Guard team and wish them well at competition. Just the fact that they are the only color guard from Maryland makes them winners already!



Post 60 Entertainment Tim Thomas



2nd Vice Commander

Hello to the month of August Post 60! I appreciate everyone that came out and enjoyed the July 4th cookout, your participation and all the volunteers that made it happen are what made the event such a complete success. The cookout wasn't the only thing that kept us busy in July, there was the annual 4th of July parade too. Post 60 won three awards, Best Overall, Best Float and Judges Award for the Legion Go Kart. We were very honored to have a reenlistment ceremony on our deck. Congratulations to Navy PO2 Cook and thank you for your service! Approximately 30 fellow active-duty members came to celebrate with him, a few of them are members at Post 60. They are always a fun group to hang out with, and they are very respectful to other members. There was also the Department Convention. Post 60 received several awards but the two that stand out the most are Squadron 60's Squadron of The Year and our very own Post Commander receiving Department Legionnaire of The Year! Congratulations Commander Lohman!

This month brings us the Detachment Bartenders Challenge on August 2nd at 3:00pm. This is ALWAYS a very fun event, and it supports Detachment of MD programs. At 7:30 that same evening you can enjoy "Kickball Under the Lights", whether you come out to participate or grab a beverage and heckle fellow members from the deck, you're sure to have a blast!

August is also a HUGE month for Post 60's Color Guard. They will be competing at the American Legion National Convention in Tampa Bay on August 22nd at 4pm EDT. The categories of competition will be Post and Retrieve and Open Class. As a member of the Color Guard, I can tell you we have been practicing very hard and are excited for this opportunity. Maryland has not had a representative in the national competition for many years. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page, we will try to give a link where you can watch it live. If possible, it will be put up on the big screen at our post.

September 1st is our last picnic of the year - Labor Day. Let's have a big turnout for this end of summer bash! As always, please bring a covered dish or dessert for all to enjoy. A member from the Legion,

ALA, SAL and Riders will be available at the picnic in Allen Hall to renew 2026 memberships. Be sure to renew BEFORE October 11th to qualify for Post 60's Early Bird Event.

The calendar is full of events this month; I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at all of them!

On a personal note, I would like to congratulate Auxiliary Unit 60 member Christine Thomas (my daughter) and her boyfriend Zach DeLong. They were blessed with their first child, Jaxon Delong (Tris's and my first grandchild), on July 16th weighing in at 8lb 11oz. His SAL membership application was filled out within four hours!





Lee Luby 1st Vice Commander



A group of members from all Units attended the Department of Maryland State Convention in Ocean City and returned with several awards, one of them being a 100% membership plaque for 2024-2025. Thank all of you for your support during the year and for paying your membership dues in a timely manner. Remember that the Early Bird Party is coming up on October 12, and to participate in some of the activities you must have a 2026 card WITH you. If you do not have a 2026 card, you will not receive a wristband enabling you to win cash and have free drinks. Remember that payment for 2026 membership WILL NOT be accepted during the event. All dues must be paid by October 11 to be eligible to participate in certain activities, so pay early and enjoy all that is offered. We have begun our 2025-2026 membership year, and I am at the Post every day to give you your new card. Our goal, as always, is to reach 100% as we have done for several years. Cards for all four Units are available. I process Legion renewals, Mike Obremski SAL, Larry Morrell ALR, and Tris Thomas or I will help with your ALA renewals. Let's get off to a strong start and make 2025-2026 another awardwinning year!



Auxiliary Unit 60 Carolyn Monko ALA President



Back to school is around the corner and so are fall activities but summer isn't over yet! Many members of Unit 60 attended the Convention in Ocean City at the end of July and had a great time. The Auxiliary would like to congratulate our very own Post 60 Commander, Josie Lohman, for receiving the Legionnaire of the Year award and Sons of the American Legion for having the Best SAL Program in District 5. These are just a few of the many awards that Post 60 were given and many thanks to all of the members that helped make those happen.

With Convention over, our Membership drive is in full swing. Dues for the 2026 year are \$35.00, \$10.00 for Junior members (17 and under), and \$25.00 for dual members (dual members must renew at the Post to receive the discount). You can renew your membership in several ways. Preprinted cards are available at the post, please ask for myself (Carolyn Monko), Lee Luby, or Tris Thomas, and we will be glad to help you. You can call National Headquarters at (317) 569-4570 with your member ID and speak with a real person that can walk you through the process.

Another option to renew your membership is online at https://www.legion-aux.org/renew. You will need to create an account using your membership ID, which can be found on the upper right-hand side of your membership card, and you can renew and print out your card online. If you have not created an account, please do so and look around the website at the exciting programs and ways that the Auxiliary helps our Veterans, active-duty Military members, Children, and our Community. It really is a "rabbit hole" of information with lots of ways to become informed and involved both locally and nationally.

Another perk of early renewal is the American Legion Family Early Bird Appreciation Social on October 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. All members who have renewed in their Early Bird time frames will be given a complimentary drink wristband. Also included are light fare and cash drawings every 15 minutes.

Our next meeting is August 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Post. We will be having a reception at 6:00 with a light dinner to meet the young ladies that we sponsored for Girls State this past summer. They will be sharing their experiences of learning about citizenship, leadership, and Americanism and ways that the program has impacted them personally.

We will also be kicking off our program to educate and learn more about Auxiliary programs on a national and local level. Each year, the Auxiliary files Unit Reports for each of the areas that we support. Those reports include information on programs, volunteer hours, and miliary and community members served. These reports help to gain recognition and support from Congress and are an important part of our mission. There are 14 categories and many subcategories.

We will be starting off with Education which will coincide with our "Give 10 to Education" program. This program encourages participants to donate school supplies for the upcoming school year. To make it easy on the donors, we ask that you give 10 of a needed supply, such as 10 boxes of crayons or 10 boxes of tissues. We will have a collection bin in the lobby and send out lists of needed materials. No donation is too small for these children to get them well prepared for the school year.

Other programs under Education include; Veterans in the Classroom; National Education Week, Teacher Appreciation Week, School Awards, and the Crystal Apple Award. And we will have a brief review of ways to participate.

Keep saving those pop-tops/pull tabs from your aluminum cans or beverage containers. These will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House through various local organizations (girl scouts, etc.).

It's not too late to have a little summer fun! The Unit is hosting Bar Bingo Fun Nights on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00 with Bingo, Pull-Tabs, and Winey Wednesday special prices. Bring the family and friends, everybody has a great time.

Every Tuesday the Craft Club will be getting together to make a unique and fun craft with friends. The next one will be Tuesday, August 12th from 6 to 9:00 p.m. They will be making Kumihimo braided bracelets. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children and includes; materials, instructions and dessert. Contact Denise Person if you are Interested – 443-486-2299 or sign up at the Post.

The Auxiliary Craft Show is on September 13th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. It is free to the public, if you are interested in participating, please contact Penny Garret at blingbiz911@gmail.com.

We have been sending out emails on upcoming events of interest and at the Post about every two weeks. If you are not receiving those emails and would like to be kept informed, please send me a message at unit60laurel@gmail.com





Squadron 60 Martin Caslow Finance Officer



Squadron of the Year!

Congratulations to outgoing Commander Rob Monko and the entirety of Squadron 60 for being awarded Squadron of the Year for the 2024/25 year. While Rob spreads the credit of the accomplishment to his officers, volunteers and the generosity of the Squadron and Post 60, it was his consistent and frugal leadership that led us to a two-year donation total of \$116,788.09.



Past Detachment Commander Joe Lohman presenting Past SAL Commander Rob Monko the plaque for Squadron of the Year.

Rob originally joined Squadron 60 in 2000 but let his membership lapse in 2007. He was approached by Commander Lee Luby in 2016 and rejoined. Since then, besides his two-year stint as commander, he has been on the executive committee and served as the finance officer.

Rob is a member of the legion through his father, William. During the Korean conflict, William packed parachutes with the 6th fleet on an aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean. Rob is part of one of the post's super couples. His wife, Carolyn, is our Auxiliary president. She is a member through her Grandfather, who served in WWII and retired a Brigadier General.

Thanks to both Monkos for being such a big part of Squadron 60 effort.

2025 FUNdraising!!!

Queen of Hearts

Please join us on Wednesday, September 3rd as we begin our search for the Queen again. Until then, please continue to come on Wednesdays to enjoy the games courtesy of Unit 60.

Bartender's Challenge

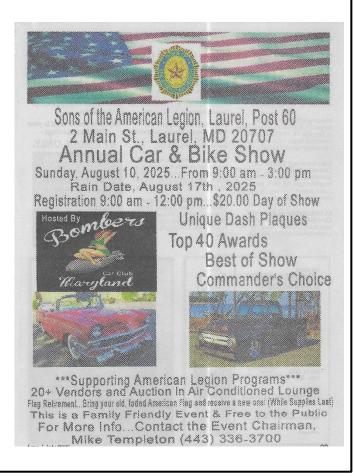
Join us for the fun of our annual Bartender's Challenge on Saturday, August 2nd at 3pm. Come and see our SAL Detachment Commander Jason Miller duel past SAL Detachment Commander Joe Gladden.

Car show

Returning for an 11th consecutive year, the car show will be Sunday, August 10th. This is arguably the most popular event at Post 60. If you would like to help, please see Mike Templeton.

Meetings

The first Thursday of every month is our Squadron meeting. We start promptly at 7PM. Dinner and a free drink are served after the meeting too! Our next meeting is August 7th. Come and join the effort.







Happy August my Fellow Riders,

Here we are beginning another month, and boy, are we just checking off the days this year.

This month is our National Legacy Ride from Virginia down to Tampa, FL. For those who are riding, please be careful and safe. Be sure that you stay hydrated during the dog days of summer and keep a watchful eye on the others around you.

In September, our state meeting will be here in Allen Hall.

Ride Safe! Lenny



Squadron 60 Dave Tyson Blood Drive Coordinator



Red Cross Blood Drive Coming to Post 60

The American Red Cross needs our help. During the summer months, we are often having fun and forget about the needs of others. Especially at this time, **Blood Drives are essential** and are in direct support to the emergency services remaining open to sustain the continuing fight against disasters, chronic illnesses and diseases.

Please join us on **August 25th** and help us make this the most successful Blood Drive that we have 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: 25 August 2025 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 25 August. **SAVE THE DATE!**



Post 60 Newsletter John Musgrove



This July, Laurel Post 60 won the John Sloan Newsletter Trophy (for posts w/501-750 members) for the 14th consecutive year!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been part of that success, starting with the editors that have preceded me; Don Disharoon who started the streak and Brenda Kearns who continued it before skipping town to Virginia Beach!

Also, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed an article or photograph to the newsletter. Those are what wins the Sloan Award. The Department **READs** and **SEEs** what is happening at the Fun Post, and it is quite a lot!

And thank you to my proofreading team; Commander Lohman, 1st Vice Luby, 2nd Vice Thomas, Patty Goodger, and especially Brenda Kearns who meticulously reads every word in the newsletter from 250 miles away! Brenda makes corrections, gives suggestions and helps it look like the editor knows what he is doing.





August 2025

Winey Wednesday Every WEDNESDAY 4 pm - Closing

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM		Post Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 9 PM			1 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	2 Bartender Challenge 3:00-??!! DJ Butch7:30 pm
3	4	5	6 ALA Game Night 6:00 pm	7 SAL Meeting 7 pm	8 The Island Breeze 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	9 Different Sisters 7:30 pm
10 SAL Car Show 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	ALA Meeting 7 pm	ALA Craft Night 6-9 pm	13 ALA Game Night 6:00 pm ALR Meeting 7 pm	14 Executive Committee Mtg 7 pm	15 Acoustic Cafe 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	16 The Doug Lester Band 7:30 pm
17	18	19	20 ALA Game Night 6:00 pm	21 General Assembly 7 pm	22 Rockab illy Reb els 7-10 pm NO BINGO	Out of Order & Friends 7:30 pm
24	25	26	27 ALA Game Night 6:00 pm	28	29 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 Bingo)	30 Greydog Band 7:30 pm
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1-7pm

September 2025



Monday - Friday

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	Labor Day Picnic 1-3 pm w/DJ Butch	2	Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	SAL Meeting 7 pm	5 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	6 Reilly Goulait Band 7:30 pm	
NFL Sunday 1-7pm	8 ALA Mtg 7 pm	9	10 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Mtg 7 pm	Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm	Joint Venture 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	Gary and the Groove 7:30 pm	
NFL Sunday 1-7pm	15	16	Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	18 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	The Jamesons 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	20 Wild Grey Hairz 7:30 pm	
NFL Sunday 1-7pm	22	23	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)	Rebound 7:30 pm	
28 NFL Sunday	29	30	Happy Hour				

Post 60 Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 9 PM

2025 Dept. of MD Convention Awards for Laurel Post 60















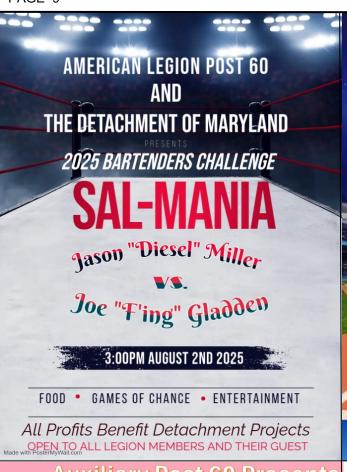


July 2025 SAL Crab Feast









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Tuesday, August 12th 6 – 9 pm



Kumihimo – Japanese Braiding



\$20.00 - Adult Beaded or Braided Bracelet \$5.00 - Children's Braided Bracelet (8 yrs+)

Price includes instructions, materials & dessert. Complimentary - a wine/beer for Adalts, and juice/soda or slashy for Children.

> Contact Denise Person at 443-486-2299 or Sign Up at Post 60

Payment by Cash or Check (Checks payable to American Legion Auxiliary Post 60)

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American Red Cross



Allen Hall

25 August, 2025

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

To sign up:

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in the site block, enter Laurel Post 60

If you need assistance getting signed up, Contact Dave Tyson Email: dctyson214@gmail.com Cell: (410) 491-5028

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COOKOUT PARTY

POST TO PROVIDE HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS!!

PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH OR DESSERT FOR **ALL MEMBERS TO ENJOY**

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

To print your membership card go to

ALAPresidentunit60@gmail.com or Membershipunit60@gmail.com

Please note: Dual members must pay



L FOR VENDORS

American Legion Post 60 Indoor Fall Craft Fair 10-3pm

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025

\$40.00 per table Sorry, no online Payments will be accepted

2 Main St. Laurel

301-725-2302

For more info contact Nancy Slavinski craftshowunit60@gmail .com

At Laurel Post 60

APPETIZERS

Stuffed Jalapeños \$6 Classic Chicken Wings \$12

Fried Flautas

Bacon Wrapped Shrimp \$6

Fries \$4

Loaded Fries \$7 \$10 **Loaded Nachos**

BEVERAGES

Canned Soda & Water \$1

Fresh Juice Fresh Iced Tea HOMEMADE DESSERTS \$4

Bone-In Pork Chop \$15

ENTRFFS

Chicken Salad Sub

Grilled Salmon

Cheeseburger

Quesadillas

Philly Cheese Steak \$12

\$9

\$12

\$15

\$12

New dinner specials & Salads

(check the board!)

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www.alaforveterans.org

For additional information contact:

through Unit 60 Auxiliary

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.
- Please join us on our Facebook page, *American Legion Laurel Post 60* for Post 60 website links, newsletters, entertainment and activities that are posted on the page.

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













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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 catmeal. Pleas consider bringing in at least one non-perishable food item whenever you visit us at Post 60.



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Commander's Last Shout

Thank you to all the volunteers that worked hard to put on a fantastic crab feast.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend Department Convention in Ocean City.

Thank you to all the volunteers who braved the heat and worked for hours to put together an award-winning float for the Fourth of July Parade.

Thank you to Joe Lohman for maintaining the ballfield and keeping it looking nice.

Thank you to everyone for your patience during the renovations taking place.



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 Monday

SAL Squadron 60 7:00 pm First Thursday

American Legion Riders 7:00 pm Second Wednesday



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