



The American Legion



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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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"The Fun Post"

February 2024



Commander's Message Lee Luby



February is here and it's time to start thinking about Post 60 elections. The ballots for all Units will be available in the lounge in March and the final ballot is due in April for the Legionnaires so now is the time to start thinking about who you want to be your new leaders. It's also time for each of you to consider running for office to represent your Unit and to assure that your voice is heard, and your proposed programs are carried out.

The process is easy. All you have to do is get a fellow Unit member to nominate you and fill out the form which will be in the lounge. Remember that all nomination forms must be signed by the nominator AND the nominee. Any form not signed by BOTH members will not be considered. The purpose of this process is so that no one is surprised by their nomination. Having this happen causes numerous problems with the election and may cause it to fail.

By running for office, you make it possible for American Legion programs to succeed. Every year we have programs that benefit not only our Legion family but also members of the Laurel community. We give thousands of dollars to the needs of others and can be proud of the success of programs that we support.

Post 60 needs you to run for an office within your Unit to bring fresh ideas and programs to the attention of your members and leaders. The job cannot be done by one person. It takes the effort of all elected officers and meeting attendees to make sure that we accomplish our goals.

We are here for a purpose-not only to serve veterans and members of our Post but also to serve Fort Meade and our community. Join us as we strive to accomplish our goals this year. Run for office and make a statement . You will get our support and you will make a difference!

Our Color Guard has Grown!

It was mentioned in our last issue that Tim Thomas and his son, CJ, had recently joined the team. CJ Thomas is possibly the youngest member that has ever served in our ranks. Tim Thomas is a dual member of the Legion and an Army veteran who brings valuable insights to the squad.

Both of our new members quickly assimilated into the team and participated in the wonderful Celebration of Life that Squadron 60 Commander Monko and the SAL hosted for long-time Post 60 member John Carmody.

Below are a few photos of the Post 60 Color Guard participating in the role of Honor Guard during the ceremony.



Photo credits: David Privott



Auxiliary Unit 60

ALA President Nancy Slavinski



This month we celebrate Valentine's Day on the 14th. Start shopping early for your special person to avoid the rush, you'll be glad you did! This is the year that has a LEAP DAY, be sure to plan something special on February the 29th to enjoy this extra day in the year.

Given the cold weather these past few weeks, we are all looking forward to Spring



Our February meeting will be on the 13th at 7:00 PM. Please join us and be one of the first to know all the great things we are planning this year! We're always looking for new ideas, too. *"The best way to have a good idea is to have a lot of ideas."* ~Linus Pauling

The Winter Wreath Craft Night was moved from January 15th to January 22nd due to weather. All participants enjoyed the evening. Thanks for orchestrating this event and we appreciate you, Denise!

There is a container under the Poppy table in the Lounge for Backpacks of Love, a 501(c)3 non-profit, that we would like to share with you. The backpacks are age and gender specific, and they provide the foster youth with everything they need for the first 48 hours of care. The organization provides basic essentials like a toothbrush/toothpaste, book, toy, clothes, and a blanket. We are asking for donations of these items to help this organization. **And while you're at the table, please remember to support our veterans through the Poppy program.**

The Queen of Hearts continues on Wednesday evenings – we are planning a special dinner on February 14th so please join us to celebrate Valentine's Day with your significant other or friends. The Queen is still in hiding. 😊

The Children's Easter Party is Saturday, March 23rd. We need volunteers to help with field items (egg hunt, etc.) and games inside and outside. A meeting will be planned for all volunteers a week before the event. A hot dog lunch will be served - free to the kids and \$2 for the adults – limited space available. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Nancy Slavinski know. We are also in search of a Chair for this event.

Family Day is April 27th at American Legion Post 60 – mark your calendars and plan to attend. More info to follow in the next newsletter.

Our craft show is being rescheduled as a "Holiday Craft Show", so stay tuned!

We continue to collect the metal pull tabs from cans of any sort so help us assist Ronald McDonald House. The school supply drive continues with a box in the Lounge for Give 10 to Education for Laurel Elementary School.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Total members paid to date for FY 2024 are 86.44% 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

Winter Wreath Craft Night Fun!





Save the DATE! Red Cross Blood Drive Coming to Post 60



American Red Cross

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



American Red Cross



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

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

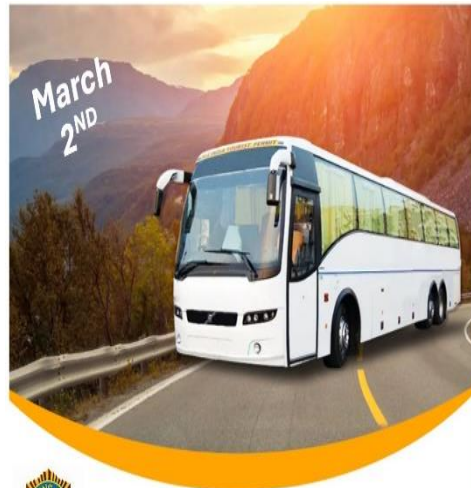
Raffle Tickets \$5 each (3 for \$10)
Ask about our loyalty card program

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



**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment Commander's Project**

DRAW DOWN

Saturday, March 2, 2024 3pm.-7pm.

**DON'T GET LEFT BEHIND!
GET ON THAT BUS!**

Perryville Firehouse
920 Principio Furnace Rd, Perryville MD
\$50 admits 2!
Dinner, draft beer & limited open bar.
Horse Races, Draw Down, Wheel, Cake, & Silent Auction. 50/50, Pull Tabs, Etc.
Multiple chances to win during the Draw Down!

Transportation will be provided! Bus leaves Post 60 @ 2pm and returns @ 8pm. Please see Joe Lohman for tickets and sign up for the bus.



Post 60 Entertainment
Josie Lohman
2nd Vice Commander



Winter was slow getting here but sure arrived with a vengeance! Until it's ready to leave, you'll always have a place to get warm at Post 60. Join us for a beverage or two while taking a chance on finding the Queen or listening to a band on the weekends. The kitchen is always open for the Queen on Wednesday, and on Friday nights too.

Chef Ray Torres is working on one of his fabulous dinners for the ALA's Valentine's Day Dinner. This also happens to be a Wednesday night, so take a try at finding the Queen and then have an amazing dinner. Living the dream at Post 60! Be sure to sign up for dinner at the kiosk so you don't miss out.

Our Super Bowl party is just around the corner, and all the pools are sold out! That's 68 possible winners, hopefully you'll be one of the lucky ones. It is a potluck so don't forget to bring a dish to share. We will be providing hot dogs and all the fixings for you to create your own masterpiece dog! The bar in the hall and lounge will both be open, eliminating those long lines. As usual, the game will be shown on all the TV's and in the hall too.

Happy Hour Prices During the Game

Lounge & Hall

AMERICAN LEGION POST 60

GAME ON
Superbowl Sunday

5:30 FEBRUARY 11, 2024

POTLUCK - Bring a dish or snack to share and join the fun!
 Please see the sign-up sheet at the lounge events kiosk

Open to all Post Home Members & their Guests

AMERICAN LEGION
 FRIDAY NIGHT
 BINGO

WE WILL BE CLOSED
ON
 ★ ★ ★
FRIDAY, FEB. 2
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SEE YOU ON THE 9TH
 FOR OUR VALENTINE'S DAY
 GIVEAWAY

**** Bingo will be closed on Friday, February 2nd ****

That's right. Closed. Our bingo team as well as several other members of Post 60 will be participating in the Polar Bear Plunge and then heading to OC for the SAL Mid-winter Conference. We want them to have the opportunity to freeze their buns off for a WORTHY cause. Here is the link if you would like to make a donation to support our American Legion Team:
<https://support.somd.org/team/554890>

Currently, our Post 60 Plunge Team consists of Joe Lohman, Josie Lohman, Nancy Slavinski, Tom Allen, Tris Thomas, Tim Thomas, Mike Obremski, Rob Delisi, Olivia Allen, Lance Francioni, Lenny Francioni, and Eddie Souder.

There's plenty of activities to enjoy around the Post, just check out the flyers and calendar to see what's happening. Come on in out of this cold weather and join us! Most of all, be sure to stay warm and safe.

"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another."

~ Erma Bombeck



**On Track
with
Mike Obremski
SAL Detachment of MD**



Hello to the POST 60 Family,
It is hard to believe that in about 5 months we will be ending the 2023-2024 year and starting the 2024-2025 year. So much has been done so far by your Detachment of Maryland Commander Joe Lohman. He has been traveling around the state of Maryland visiting Squadrons. Out of the 102 Squadrons in the state, half have been visited. The purpose of these visits is not just to talk about what the Detachment is doing, but to enable the Detachment to get to know more of what is happening within the state at the Post level. There is no better way for us to get to know the Posts and their members concerns than face-to-face interaction.

These “Caravans” around the state have been attended by not only your Detachment Officers (Commander Joe Lohman, 1st Vice Mike Obremski, and 2nd Vice Jason Miller), but they have also been attended by members of the Post 60 Family; Josie Lohman, Tim and Tris Thomas, Charlie Turner, “Cigar” Dave Privott and many other members from around the Regions. These Caravans are open for all to join in. If you see Joe or myself around the Post, ask us when the next caravan is touring, and we will be happy to fill you in and hopefully you can join us. Seeing other Posts and meeting new people is a lot of fun.

I do wish to express my thanks and gratitude to the entire Post 60 Family as I have traveled through many chairs and wore many different colored hats (covers) for both the Legion and Sons. For the past couple of years, I have had to focus on the Blue and Gold hat as I worked my way through Detachment of Maryland to the point that if all goes well, I will be following Commander Joe Lohman to become the next Detachment of Maryland Commander. This is an historic moment as there has never been back-to-back Detachment Commanders from the same Squadron. Your support for the two of us has helped Joe get to where is he is now and where I will be in a few short months.

**SONS OF THE
AMERICAN
LEGION**

It takes a family to come together to get things done and Post 60 is a *GREAT* family. Thank you for everything you do now and what I am sure you will continue to do.

And a big Thank you to all to those who have been following the Ridership Report on Facebook.

Sincerely,
Mike “Choo-Choo” Obremski

Mike Obremski
1st Vice Commander
Detachment of Maryland



**The “Caravan” visiting a few of the many
Posts in our great state!**



Photo credits: David Privott, Jeff Thorne

February 2024

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 SAL Meeting 7 pm	2 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	3 Gary & the Groove 7:30 pm
4	5 Color Guard Practice 6:30 PM	6	7 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	8 Executive Committee 7 pm	9 Joint Venture 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	10 3 'til Midnight 7:30 pm
11 Super Bowl Sunday 5:30 pm	12	13 ALA Mtg 7 PM	14 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Mtg 7 PM	15 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	16 Gary Brown 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	17 The Stillwater Band 7:30 pm
18	19	20	21 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	22	23 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	24 Island Breeze 7:30 pm
25	26	27	28 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	29	Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM	
 Valentine's Dinner Paid Event See flyer for details			Post 60 Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM			

March 2024

The American Legion Laurel Post 60



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM					1 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	2 Escape Goat 7:30 pm
3 	4	5	6 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	7 SAL Meeting 7 pm	8 The Reilly Goualt Band 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	9 Wild Grey Hairz 7:30 pm
10	11	12 ALA Meeting 7 pm	13 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Meeting 7 pm	14 Executive Committee 7 pm	15 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	16 Blessing of the Bikes 11 am Out of Order 7:30 pm
17 St. Patrick's Social 1:00 pm	18 	19	20 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	21 General Assembly 7 pm	22 The Groove Quest 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	23 Children's Easter Party 1-3 pm Honky Tonk Casanovas 7:30 pm
24	25	26	27 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	28 	29 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 Bingo)	30 Sandra Dean Band 7:30 pm
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American Legion Post 60

Valentine's Dinner

Inviting to our Valentine's Dinner

Entrees

Chicken Saltimbocca Pork Saltimbocca Shrimp Saltimbocca

Choice of:

Green Peas, Green Salad, and Mashed Potatoes

Accompanied with a

Glass of Italian Gavi wine for the Chicken Dinner

Glass of Zinfandel Gavi wine for the Pork Dinner

Glass of Pinot Grigio wine for the Shrimp Dinner

Dessert

Chocolate Chip Pizookje w/ Strawberry Ice Cream

Price: \$18:00 \$20:00 \$25:00

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



**Saturday, March 16,
2024. 11:00 AM, AL
60 parking lot.
2 Main St. Laurel**

Blessing of the Bikes

Open to all Riders and vehicles. Complimentary coffee and donuts will be served.

RAIN DATE MARCH 17

POTLUCK

American Legion Post 60

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL

Sunday March 17th at 1 PM

Open to all Post Home Members & Their Guests

To participate please bring your favorite Irish dish to share...

Corned Beef & Cabbage, a side, or dessert

A sign-up sheet will be located at the Post events kiosk,

please sign up by March 10th



Let's Eat, Drink, and
be IRISH,
Be sure to wear
your GREEN!



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Loads of fun! Games and a free lunch for all children ages 12 and under

EGG HUNT TOO!

Annual Children's Easter Party

Saturday March 23rd from 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Free event but tickets are required

All Children must be accompanied by an Adult

For more information or to reserve your ticket, visit:

Post60EasterParty.eventbrite.com

The American Legion
Laurel Post 60
Allen Hall
2 Main St.
Laurel, MD
info: (301)725-2302

Bingo Night
 AMERICAN LEGION LAUREL POST 60
 EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
 DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM
 BINGO STARTS AT 7:30
 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
 301-725-2302

23 GAMES - All Cash Prizes Guaranteed
 Bingo Ball Games \$400 and UP
 Early Bird Ball Games \$180 - \$350
 Fun for the Whole Family...
 Food & Snacks Available for Purchase

Like us on Facebook - American Legion Post 60 Friday Night Bingo

FRIDAY FOOD FESTIVAL

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

BECAUSE VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE!

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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

American Legion Auxiliary

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

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.**

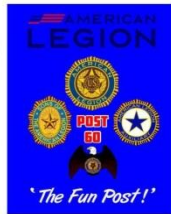
- Please join us on our Facebook page, [American Legion -Laurel Post 60](https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/364213691671/) for Post 60 website links, newsletters, entertainment and activities that are posted on the page.

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



Post 60 T-Shirts

With The New American Legion Logo!



On Sale Now - \$25 Each

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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Post 60 Officers

Commander	Lee Luby
1st Vice	Vacant
2ndVice	Josie Lohman
Judge Advocate	Richard Harding
Finance Officer	Vacant
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	Dave Manchas
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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Veterans and
The Community
Since 1932

POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

Commander's Last Shout

Thanks to members of all units who participated in the Memorial Service for John Carmody. It was a true showing of American Legion dedication.

Thanks to the Executive Committee and the General Assembly for considering all my VOLUMINOUS motions after not having a meeting in December.

Thanks to Mike Templeton for the excellent job he did on our property following the snowstorm.

Thanks to John Musgrove for agreeing to help us out doing Saturday and Sunday business events while all the officers go to SAL convention in February.

Thanks to John Brinton for accepting the job as weekend Business Manager.

Thanks to Josie Lohman for handling Post business while I was snowed in.

Thanks to Tim Kearns for installing the new computer in the business office.

Thanks to Josie Lohman and Tom Allen for changing our Friday Night Bingo program and for making it more inviting to our bingo crowd.

Thanks to John Musgrove for his amazing Historian reports. Everyone enjoys them as much as I do!

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



**For members who do
not have E-Mail**

If you want the Post Newsletter mailed to your home, please send the written request by mail to the Post Adjutant.

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.

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