



# The American Legion



1932 *Serving Veterans and the Community for 94 Years* 2026

## Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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*"The Fun Post"*

January 2026



**Josie Lohman**  
**Commander, AL Post 60**



I hope you all enjoyed 2025, stayed warm during the past few months, and spent the holidays surrounded by friends and family.

As we welcome a new year, it's important to look forward with dignity, compassion, and pride - both in our achievements and in the sacrifices, we make to reach our goals within the American Legion. Our members dedicate countless hours at the Post and volunteer whenever they can, and every contribution is truly valued. United as one family, we make our mission a reality. Throughout the past year, we've earned many accolades and awards thanks to each person's willingness to give - no matter how small - to help veterans, their families, and our community.

Post 60 is known as the "Fun Post," and we work hard to uphold that reputation. People often comment on how busy and active we are - and they're right. Our Post family reaches far, bringing people closer together wherever we go. Let's approach 2026 with the intention of making it just as memorable and successful as the years before.

To our **SAL** - truly don't know where we would be without you. You're always ready to step up and support the Post in every way possible. FUNraising is a key element of this group, and you continue to keep it rolling. We appreciate you!

To our **ALA** - you're amazing! Always eager to lend a hand, you support everyone at Post 60 and never shy away from hard work. We truly appreciate all that you do.

To our **ALR** - always ready to fire up those engines and take the lead! We admire your dedication to our organization. Rain or shine, hot or cold, you represent. You're a fantastic group, and we truly appreciate you!

And to our **Legionnaires** - thank you for answering the call to serve and for continuing to serve our great nation in so many ways. Your unwavering commitment - whether supporting fellow veterans or engaging in community events - makes a lasting impact. Your dedication motivates our Post and encourages others, highlighting the true value of service and teamwork. We appreciate you!



**Lee Luby**  
**1st Vice Commander**



Post 60 is one of the largest Posts in District 5 with a total membership of 695. Many of our fellow Posts have hundreds of members less than we do, yet we are right on target with our membership numbers. As of this report we are at 75% with 522 renewals for the New Year 2026, and we are well on our way to the 100% goal in early June.

Commander Lohman has been instrumental in recruiting Active-Duty members, seconded closely by Dave Privott, and we thank them for getting the soldiers at Fort Meade to join our programs. Everyone enjoys having them and their enthusiasm at our Post!

Happy New Year to all of you, and may your New Year be filled with happiness and fulfilled wishes.





## Post 60 Entertainment

### Tim Thomas

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander



Welcome to 2026, Post 60!

Let's hope this year is just as fun and exciting as 2025 was! We have plenty of events planned that are sure to create great times all year long, so be sure to check out the calendar and join us.

As the NFL regular season wraps up, we'd like to thank everyone who came out on Sundays to enjoy the food, friendly smack talk, and the great company of fellow members and their guests. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for the finale on February 8<sup>th</sup> - the Super Bowl! This will be a potluck event, so please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. The game will be shown in both the Lounge and Allen Hall, ensuring plenty of room for everyone, guests included!

Tris and I hosted Post 60's first Ugly Sweater Contest and Stealing Secret Santa on Christmas Eve, and it looked like everyone had a fantastic time! Commander Lohman took 1st Place, and Mike and Anita Hurst took 2nd Place.



Twenty-two people brought gifts to participate in the Stealing Secret Santa. It started off a little slow, but once about ten gifts were in play, the fun really began! Hopefully next year we'll see even more members and guests join in. Thank you to everyone who brought such great food and joined in the festivities.

Post 60's Color Guard was invited to march in the Military Bowl Parade, where they had the honor of leading Department Commander Nikki Randolph, Detachment Commander Jason Miller, and ALA Department President Kyrese Johnson. As always, they did not disappoint! Everyone should be incredibly proud of them. Several members from different American Legion posts reached out to tell us how great they looked.



The #1 Color Guard in the state of Maryland



MD State Commander Nikki Randolph



Detachment Commander Jason Miller, and ALA Department President Kyrese Johnson





## Auxiliary Unit 60 Carolyn Monko ALA President



Happy New Year! and I hope that your holiday season was filled with warmth, family, and good times.

Thank you to all of our Christmas elves who wrote and/or delivered holiday cards to area nursing homes. Sometimes, that small act of thoughtfulness means a lot to a person who feels forgotten. It's something for us to keep in mind in the coming year, and we welcome any ideas on ways to reach out to our Veterans and those in need.

The Legion Family was busy with Christmas parties and the New Year's Celebration. Thank you to all of the volunteers that made that happen! The Auxiliary donated \$500.00 worth of toys to the Fill a- Truck drive, thanks to Tris Thomas for taking care of the shopping.

On the 13<sup>th</sup>, Auxiliary members joined the Legion Family in participating in the Wreaths across America ceremony and wreath laying at Ivy Hill Cemetery. The mission of the Wreaths Across America is to *Remember, Honor, and Teach*, ensuring that no Veteran is forgotten. The following day, Denise Person and her crew of volunteers pulled off another great Christmas party for Legion and community children. Thank you to our very own Santa and Grinch for joining us for photo opportunities and bringing smiles to our guests.

Peggy Rhodes and Christel Lopez-Berryman were our ambassadors to the USO at BWI Airport where the Auxiliary provided lunch to active-duty military and their families as they waited for connecting flights. Thank you to these two ladies, and to Lorie Smalletts, another auxiliary member who helped to make this possible and who volunteers weekly at the USO.



The ALA's Luncheon Table at the BWI USO

Looking ahead to 2026, we have a lot to look forward to besides depriving ourselves of cookies and pretending that we are going to the gym every day (at least for me!). Our first general membership meeting of the new year will be on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., with dinner available. Please remember to bring your current membership card as we, will be holding elections for First Vice President.

We will be hosting three Raffle Basket drawings in the coming months to help raise money for our veterans, active-duty military, and children's causes. A "Couples" basket for Valentine's Day, a "Basket of Cheer" for St. Patrick's Day, and a "Memorial Day" Basket. If you would like donate items or be part of the crew creating the baskets, please let me know.

Our next Craft Show will be on March 14<sup>th</sup>, and Penny Garrett is already hard at work getting vendors lined up. If you are interested in being a vendor, or know someone that is, her information is on the flyer in this newsletter.

Finally, a warm welcome to our new members, voted in at the November meeting; Ashley Poole, Sandi Buschman, and Mary Garrett.



Tris Thomas with the toys that ALA 60 donated to the Fill-a-Truck drive.

**AMERICAN  
LEGION  
AUXILIARY**



**AL Riders**  
**Lenny Francioni**  
**Director**



Happy New Year,

Welcome to 2026!

We have got lots planned for the upcoming year and we hope to have big turnouts from our riders and fellow Legion families.

Remember, March will be our annual Blessing of the Bikes hosted by "Pops" Berman and several other chaplains.

*\* Happy New Year! \**

Lenny



## **Post 60 receives Medal from AL National Commander**

\*\*\* Excerpt of letter from National \*\*\*

Dear Post 60,

Congratulations on your commitment and dedication to the American Legion as you so honorably displayed by becoming a Platinum member of our Veterans and Children Foundation, 1919 Society. On behalf of the American Legion, thank you for your generous gifts. Your donations make it possible to directly impact the lives of thousands of veterans, families and children throughout our nation.

Your cumulative contribution qualifies you for Platinum Level membership in the 1919 Society...

Sincerely,  
Dan K. Wiley  
National Commander



## **AL Laurel Post 60 Color/Honor Guard 2025 Highlights**



What a year for the Post 60 Color/Honor Guard! From participation in Post 60 Celebrations of Life, Blessing of the Bikes, Ivy Hill Memorial Day services, Flag Day Flag Retirement, American Legion Baseball tournament, the AL National Color Guard Competition in Tampa, presenting colors at Post 175 Crab Feast, Veteran's Day at Laurel Park, leading the City of Laurel Holiday Parade and capping the year off by parading in the 2025 Military Bowl in Annapolis, representing Post 60 and the Department of Maryland. On the following page you can see photos from some of our adventures.

I am so proud to be Captain of the Post 60 Color Guard and even more proud of its members; Mike 'Mac' McNally, Chris Davis, Eddie Souder, Tim Thomas, CJ Thomas, and Abbey Rigney. These individuals find the time in their busy work, home and Legion schedules to practice and represent the "Fun Post" with honor.

I thank them from the bottom of my heart for their effort and support (and not having fragged me along the way).

John Musgrove  
Captain  
Post 60 Color/Honor Guard





Ivy Hill, Memorial Day



Blessing of the Bikes



Flag Day Retirement Ceremony



Tampa 2025  
THE BIG ONE



American Legion  
Regional Baseball Playoffs

Veteran's Day, Laurel Park Racetrack







# January 2026

**Winey Wednesday**  
Every WEDNESDAY  
4 pm - Closing

## The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Happy Hour</b> Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM						
4 <b>NFL Final Week</b> 	5	6 <b>ALA Craft Night</b> 6:30-9:00pm	7 <b>Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm</b> QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	8 <b>SAL Meeting</b> 7 pm Exec. Committee Meeting 7 pm	9 <b>DJ Butch</b> 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 C&Y)	10 <b>The Doug Lester Band</b> 7:30 pm
11 <b>NFL Playoffs</b> 	12 <b>ALA Member's Meeting</b> 7pm	13 <b>ALA Craft Night</b> 6:30-9:00pm	14 <b>Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm</b> QoH Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Meeting 7pm	15 <b>General Assembly Elections/Meeting</b> 7 pm	16 <b>Amy and Andy</b> 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	17 <b>The Low Keys</b> 7:30 pm
18 <b>NFL Playoffs</b> 	19	20 <b>ALA Craft Night</b> 6:30-9:00pm	21 <b>Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm</b> QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	22	23 <b>Island Breeze</b> 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	24 <b>The Greydog Band</b> 7:30 pm
25 <b>NFL Playoffs</b> 	26	27 <b>ALA Craft Night</b> 6:30-9:00pm	28 <b>Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm</b> QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	29	30 <b>DJ Butch</b> 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 Bingo)	31 <b>Different Sisters</b> 7:30 pm



**Post 60 Kitchen is Open**  
Every Friday 4:000 to 9 PM



# February 2026

**Happy Hour**  
Monday - Friday  
4 to 7 PM

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1	2	3	4 <b>Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm</b> QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	5 <b>SAL Meeting</b> 7 PM	6 <b>DJ Butch</b> 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	7 <b>Rebound</b> 7:30 pm
8 <b>Super Bowl Party</b> 5:30-End of Game 	9 <b>ALA Meeting</b> 7 PM	10	11 <b>Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm</b> QoH Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Meeting 7 PM	12 <b>Executive Committee</b> 7 PM	13 <b>Groove Quest</b> 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	14 <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b> Out of Order 7:30 pm
15	16 <b>President's Day</b> Post opens at 1200	17	18 <b>Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm</b> QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	19 <b>General Assembly Meeting</b> 7 pm	20 <b>Lost &amp; Found</b> 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	21 <b>Sandra Dean Band</b> 7:30 pm
22	23	24	25 <b>Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm</b> QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	26	27 <b>DJ Butch</b> 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	28 <b>Sara &amp; the Igniters</b> 7:30 pm



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## Post 60 Distributing Wreaths Across Laurel...



## ...and Teaming with LVFD & LRS 49 to bring Joy to the Children of Laurel







# ALA Post 60 Children's Christmas Party





## Christmas Time 2025 At the "Fun Post"







## The "Fun Post" Leads the 2025 Laurel Holiday Parade







# 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

# P&G MENU

FRIDAY JAN 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD & 30TH  
AVAILABLE FOR CATERING!!!!

## APPETIZERS

Stuffed Jalapeños	\$6
Bacon Wrapped Stuf Jal	\$8
Classic Chicken Wings	\$12
Spicy Shrimp	\$12
Bacon Wrapped Shrimp	\$6
Fries	\$4
Loaded Fries	\$7
Loaded Nachos	\$10

## ENTRÉES

Philly Cheese Steak	\$12
Quesadillas	\$10
Chicken Salad Sub	\$12
Grilled Salmon	\$15
Cheeseburger	\$12
Stuffed Chicken	\$15

## BEVERAGES

Canned Soda & Water	\$1
Coffee & Hot Cocoa	\$2

## HOMEMADE DESSERTS \$4

*Weekly Dinner specials & Soups (check the board!)*

[cateringyesplease.org](http://cateringyesplease.org)



American Legion Post 60 presents

# 5th Bi - Annual Spring Craft & Vendor Show

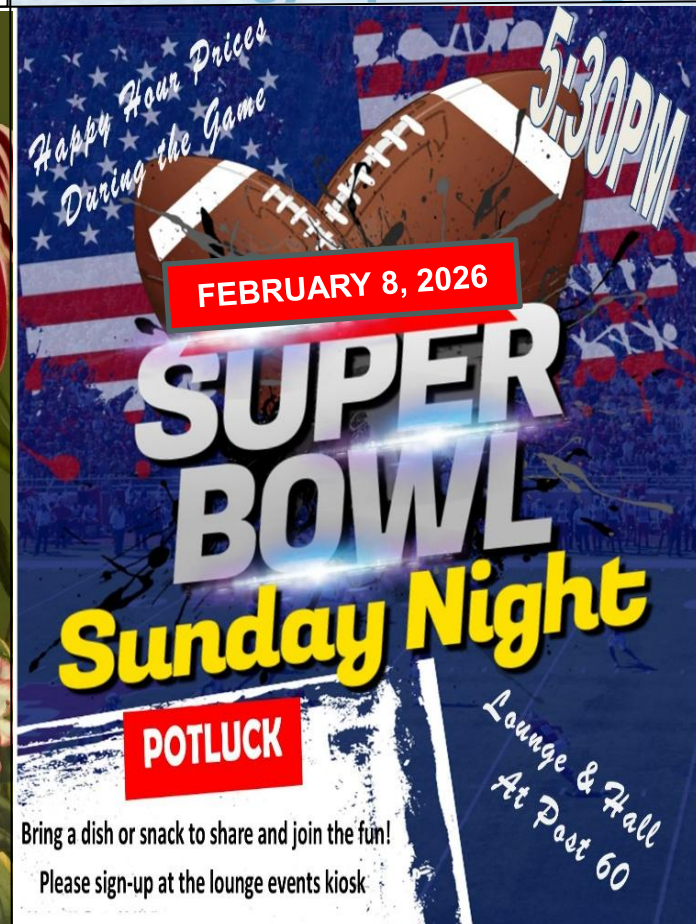
March 14, 2026

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

American Legion Post 60 Hall  
2 Main Street, Laurel, MD

\$40.00 for an 8' table & 2 chairs

Contact: Penny Garrett at:  
FallCraftFairUnit60@gmail.com  
for more information



Happy Hour Prices During the Game

5:30PM

**FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

# SUPER BOWL

## Sunday Night

**POTLUCK**

Bring a dish or snack to share and join the fun!

Please sign-up at the lounge events kiosk

Lounge & Hall At Post 60



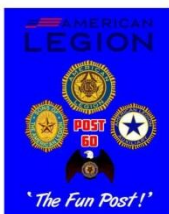
## Other Notes/Dates Of Interest

- 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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/>



### 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



### 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.

**WE**  **VOLUNTEERS**

### Post 60 Officers

Commander	Josie Lohman
1st Vice	Lee Luby
2nd Vice	Tim Thomas
Judge Advocate	Richard Harding
Finance Officer	Pedro Lopez
Chaplain	Martin Berman
Resource Officer	David Privott
Historian	John Musgrove
Sgt-at-Arms	Melvin Campbell
Adjutant	Mac McNally

### SAL Squadron 60

Commander	Eddie Souder
1st Vice	Vacant
2nd Vice	Rob Monko
3rd Vice	Vacant
Finance	Vacant
Chaplain	Tony Scovitch
Sgt-at-Arms	Charlie Turner
Historian	Vacant
Adjutant	Joe Lohman
Parliamentarian	Vacant
Advisor	Chris Davis

### Auxiliary Unit 60

President	Carolyn Monko
1st Vice	Vacant
2nd Vice	Denise Person
Secretary	Christel Lopez-Berryman
Treasurer	Tris Thomas
Chaplain	Barbara Rhodes
Historian	Sheryl DeWalt
Sgt-at-Arms	Christel Lopez-Berryman

### Legion Riders

Director	Lenny Francioni
Asst Director	Larry Morrell
Secretary	Christel Lopez-Berryman
Treasurer	Barclay Butler
Sgt-at-Arms	Joe Lohman
Chaplain	Charley Buckley
Safety Officer	Vacant
Road Captain	Pedro Lopez
Membership	Larry Morrell
Public Affairs	Quinn Harry



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### Commander's Last Shout

Thank you to our Color Guard, ALR, and Auxiliary members for proudly representing Post 60 in the December 6 City of Laurel Parade.

We are grateful to everyone who participated in Wreaths Across America, helping us honor and remember those who served.

Many thanks to the Auxiliary and ALR for organizing another fantastic event for children.

We're thankful to all our members who brought delicious food and treats to our Christmas Celebration.

And finally, thank all the volunteers who helped decorate and get ready for the New Year's festivities.

Thank you to Charlie Turner for being our go-to guy, when we're looking for last minute help!

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

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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](mailto: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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