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“The Fun Post”

July 2025



Josie Lohman
Commander, AL Post 60



We have now experienced the anticipated warm weather. Although it is somewhat hotter than expected, we at Post 60 remain composed and comfortable.

Whether indoors or outdoors, our Post thrives on camaraderie and resilience. The summer season injects new energy into our activities and fills our calendar with events, underscoring the strong bonds we share and the dedication that sustains our Post.

The month of June was exceptionally busy for us. On June 4th, Post 60 and Capital Region Honor Flight organized a welcome home ceremony for over 30 veterans. The event was highly rewarding, and we received an outstanding turnout from our community. It was a commendable way to welcome and honor our veterans.



Group photo of all the Honor Flight Veterans

Despite tough weather on Thursday, June 19th, Post 60 members and officers attended the 2025–2026 officer installation. Congratulations to all new officers. Let's have a great year and stay focused on our veterans' mission. Special congratulations to our award winners: Lucy Haggerty (Unit 60 Member of the Year), Martin Caslow (SAL Member of the Year), Larry "Bam Bam" Morrell (ALR Member of the Year), David Privott (Legionnaire of the Year), and Tris Thomas (Volunteer of the Year). Well-deserved by all.

The Fourth of July is approaching, and Post 60 will have a float in the parade for the first time in many years. Due to extreme heat, the parade route has been significantly shortened. If you wish to join us that day, we will be walking behind the float. Support is welcome, including handing out flags, candy, and stickers to spectators.

For those traveling to the post via Main Street, please observe the Hometown Flag located on the right side of the street just before the bridge. The image depicted may appear familiar; it is our esteemed George Schaab, captured over 70 years ago. It's definitely worth taking a look!



(Above) AL Department of MD leadership with two active-duty soldiers at the BWI USO lounge. (Below) Post 60 Commander Lohman prepping the food.





Lee Luby 1st Vice Commander



The 2025 membership year has ended, and we have begun accepting renewals for 2026. Your new card will include a red Early Bird Stamp which entitles you to attend our yearly party for those who renew before mid-October. A flyer will be hung in the lounge for the event, and the perks are a wristband issued to everyone having a 2026 card with an Early Bird stamp. Only 2026 card holders will be allowed to participate. **NO FAMILY MEMBERS, INCLUDING HUSBANDS AND WIVES,** will be permitted to participate in party activities unless they are members of a Post 60 Unit and have a 2026 membership card. No renewals will be accepted at the door.

Memberships must be paid prior to the event. The wristband will include free drinks from 1-3 PM and light food and snacks. You must have your 2026 card **WITH YOU** to receive a wristband. Pull tabs and other games will be available to play if you choose, and a ticket will be given to you for the drawings. Keep half and put the other half into the mixer and a cash prize will be drawn every 1/2 hour between 1-3 PM.

The date for the party will be October 12th from 1-3 PM, so be sure to pay your dues **PRIOR** to that date. The lounge will be open for all members but only those having wristbands will be eligible for complimentary drinks and cash prizes every 1/2 hour. The cash prizes will be \$50 at 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30 and 3:00 PM, and \$25 at 1:15, 1:45, 2:15 and 2:45 PM. Pull tabs and games may be played by everyone present.

We have reached 100% membership for several years and 2026 should not be any different. Get your 2026 card now and enjoy the Early Bird party.



Post 60 Entertainment Tim Thomas

2nd Vice Commander



Hello again Post 60. As always, I hope everyone is doing well and staying as comfortable as possible in this summer heat. Once the sun starts to go down, and the temperature drops a little, come join us for an evening beverage and catch up with fellow members.

As always, we will have our 4th of July cookout, rain or shine. The cooks will make sure the hamburgers and hotdogs are ready for you at 1pm no matter the weather. Please bring your favorite covered dish or dessert for others to enjoy. DJ Butch will be there taking requests so he can play your favorite tunes for you.

Congratulations to all Post Officers who were installed on June 19th. I know they will continue to uphold the Post 60 standards that stand above all other Legions in Maryland. We are very fortunate to have great leadership and members. I encourage everyone to visit other Posts around the state. All of our Legion Posts are very welcoming, and it will give you a chance to see how we stack up with others. If you see something that may benefit Post 60, please contact a Post 60 Officer.



On a personal note, I would like to congratulate my wife, Tris Thomas, for being acknowledged as Post 60's Volunteer of The Year. You will be hard pressed to not see her helping out at **EVERY** event she is at. Plus, the countless things she does behind the scenes that many don't know about. With my extensive travel schedule, we have an inside joke of calling her, Assistant to the 2nd Vice. She always helps me out when I need it. I am very fortunate to call her my wife; and even more fortunate that she has embraced the Legion Family at my side.

I hope everyone has a great summer!!!



Auxiliary Unit 60 Carolyn Monko ALA President



Greetings! Summertime and the living is easy... Not for Unit 60! We kicked off the summer sponsoring four lovely ladies for Girls State in June. Sophia, Valerie, Laila, and McKenna represented us in Salisbury along with other girls from across the state, learning about citizenship and Americanism. The girls were broken up into regional "cities" and held elections and learned about the many facets of government through break-out sessions, guest speakers, and participated in their own "government" process. Our ladies had lots of fun and proved worthy of the tasks that they were given. McKenna won the award for the most unique, Valerie won the award for the friendliest and Sophia won the Samsung Scholarship Award.



The girls will be at our August 11th meeting to fill us in on their week at Girls State and all Auxiliary members are welcome to attend and join us for dinner and to meet the girls.

Auxiliary Convention is just around the corner, taking place in Ocean City on July 13th to 18th. Our Head of Delegation, Past President Nancy Slavinski and 7 delegates are ready to vote on the new President and Executive Committee for the 25/26 year. They will also be bringing back our 2026 Membership Cards so you can start to renew your membership on the 19th. Reminders will be sent out in August and keep an eye out for our Early Bird get together in the Fall.

Wednesdays are really for the Fun Post! The Auxiliary is hosting Game Night for the summer. The action starts at 6:00 PM, with Bar Bingo, Pull Tabs and Winey Wednesday for everyone to try their luck and enjoy a night out with friends

The SAL is having their crab feast on July 26th from 4:00-7:00 PM. Tickets are \$70.00 and can be purchased online at Eventbrite or at the Post through Joe Lohman. If you are interested in volunteering for the event (we always have fun, we are the Fun Post!) there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby of the Post.

Thank you to Denise Person and Nancy Gebicke for hosting the Kumihimo Bracelet Craft Day on the 21st. We had lots of women, and several brave gentlemen try their hands at making a red, white, and blue bracelet. There will be another bracelet making event in the future and we are always looking for anyone that has a craft that they would like to share with the membership.



One of the Auxiliary's programs is the "Give 10 to Education", providing school supplies to an area school. The "Give 10" is a way of making it easy to remember to collect supplies by purchasing 10 of something to donate. Back to School sales start right after Fourth of July so it's a great time to collect and donate supplies. There will be a bin in the lounge for donations. Some of the supplies needed are; crayons, pencils, folders, tissues, dry erase markers, spiral bound notebooks, scissors, glue sticks, and antibacterial wipes. We will be sending out a complete list in the next week.

We are also collecting pull tabs/pop tops from aluminum cans to help area youth groups collect money for Ronald McDonald House. There is a canister in the lounge for any pop tops donations.

Mark your calendars for the Auxiliary Craft Show on Saturday, September 13th from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM and the Crab Feast on October 18th.

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Squadron 60 Martin Caslow Finance Officer



Happy New Year!! Welcome to SAL 2025/26!! Thank you to all of your generosity of the last fiscal year. Due to your commitment to the success of the Post family and some hard work, the SAL under outgoing Commander Rob Monko was able to make donations this past year of \$51,529.79!! Thank you to Commander Monko for his leadership these past two years.

Unlike your egg prices, membership rates for Squadron 60 for this year are unchanged. They are:

- \$25 = Regular rate
- \$20 = Discount regular rate until our meeting on Thursday, September 4th.
- \$10 = Dual members (both Legion and SAL)
- \$15 = Junior members (under the age of 21)

If you know someone who is interested in joining, please see Mike Obremski.

Thank you, Mike Obremski!

For the first time in SAL history, nationwide, a single Squadron has had back-to-back Commanders. Starting with Joe Lohman in the 2023/2024 year and concluding this year with Mike, Squadron 60 has represented Post 60 well. Visiting Posts state-wide, raising money for his project, this is a weighty position. Mike and his fair bride, Chika, have spent the last year on this wearisome journey together. He raised \$72K for his project, adding a playground to the Youth Camp, and landed on his... feet, a better and stronger person.

Thank you, Mike, for your important service and representing Post 60 and Squadron 60 well.



Mike Obremski, Jr.
Former Detachment Commander

Squadron Officers for 2025/26 are:

- Commander: Eddie Souder
- Adjutant: Joe Lohman
- 1st Vice: Mike Obremski
- 2nd Vice: Rob Monko
- 3rd Vice: Vacant
- Sgt at Arms: Charlie Turner
- Chaplain: Tony Scovitch
- Finance Officer: Martin Caslow
- Historian: Vacant
- Parliamentarian: Vacant
- Judge Advocate Emeritus: George Schaab
- Exec. Committee:
- Dick Bendt , Keith Hnilicka, Todd Payton



2025/26 SAL Commander Eddie Souder
Celebrating 50 years as an SAL Member.

Crab Feast

Our annual crab feast is coming in a hurry... Saturday, July 26th. Ticket prices this year will be \$70, which should be one of the best crab feast bargains you will find this year. See Joe Lohman for your tickets. These sell out fast so don't dawdle! We need volunteers!!! All volunteers are fed at 2 PM prior to the crab feast. PLUS, at the end of the night, we share leftover crabs to take home. The signup sheet is at the Kiosk. Or see Chris Davis with any questions. Please come and join us for fun, food and games.

Car show

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

Meetings

The first Thursday of every month is our Squadron meeting. We start promptly at 7 PM. Dinner and a free drink are served after the meeting too! Our next meeting is July 3rd. Come and join the effort.



AL Riders Lenny Francioni Director



Happy Summer, Fellow Riders!

Happy Birthday USA as we move into the wonderful month of July. Welcome to our new Assistant Director Larry "BamBam" Morrel. Happy Birthday to all the July folks celebrating this month.

Be sure to hydrate as the weather gets hotter and hotter and you're out riding those expensive machines we don't need anyone passing out. If you feel lightheaded or dehydrated, please seek shade and water.

Know the warning signs and take care of yourself. Please don't be MR/MS Tough person. Please don't think you can muscle through it, no one knows how you are feeling, we can only see the aftereffects (if we see that, its too late).

We have some great events coming up so please be sure to catch the events on my weekly e-mail blast. Ride Safe, keep shinny side up and your head on a swivel.

Very Respectfully,
Lenny M. Francioni

Our ALR Officer Roster for the
25/26 year:

DIR: Lenny Francioni

ADIR: Larry Morrel

Secretary: Christel Lopez-
Berryman

Treasure: Barclay Butler

Sgt. At Arms: Joe Lohman

Chaplain: Charley Buckley

Membership: Larry Morrel

Road Capt.: Pedro Lopez

Safety: Open



Post 60 Fish Story



For the second year in a row this band of intrepid fisherman set out to catch enough fish for a Post 60 fish fry. For the second year in a row, they caught NOTHING!!

Well, not exactly. Someone hooked a bridge, and someone caught a skate. Since no pictures of the catch were submitted, one ponders as to whether it was a piscatorial skate? Or...a roller skate!

But they tried and they had A FUN TIME.

Next year's adventure will be entitled, "The Fun Post Meets Gilligan's Island."



Post 60 Catch of the Day!





July 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		1	2 ALA Game Night 6:00 pm	3 SAL Meeting 7 pm	4 July 4 th Picnic 1-3 pm w/DJ Butch NO BINGO	5 Wild Grey Hairz 7:30 pm
6	7	8	9 ALA Game Night 6:00 pm ALR Meeting 7 pm	10 Exec. Committee Meeting	11 The Jamisons 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 SAL)	12 3 'til Midnight 7:30 pm
13	14 NO ALA Members Meeting 7 pm	15	16 ALA Game Night 6:00 pm	17	18 Lost and Found 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	19 Greater Image 7:30 pm
20	21	22	23 ALA Game Night 6:00 pm	24 General Assembly Meeting	25 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	26 CRAB FEAST 4:00-7:00 pm w/DJ Butch Sharon Dukes & the All-Star Band 7:30 pm
27	28	29	30 ALA Game Night 6:00 pm	31	Post 60 Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 9 PM	



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 Butch 7:30 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	11 ALA Meeting 7 pm	12	13 ALA Game Night 6:00 pm ALR Meeting 7 pm	14 Executive Committee Mfg 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 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	23 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





Flag Retirement Ceremony



Charlie Turner, SQDN 60

On Saturday June 14th, Squadron 60 held a Flag Day Flag Retirement Ceremony which involved Squadron 60, the Post 60 Color Guard and Cub Scout Pack 1250. Post 60 Commander Josie Lohman was the narrator for the ceremony. Squadron 60 would like to thank everyone who showed up for this special occasion.

A total of 46 flags were retired on the day.





2024/2025 Post 60 Awards



David Privott
Legionnaire of the Year



Lucy Haggerty
Unit 60 Member of the Year



Martin Caslow
SAL Member of the Year



Tris Thomas
Volunteer of the Year

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AL Post 60 Celebrates 100 Years of American Legion Baseball



Post 60 Color Guard Presenting the Colors



Commander David Heredia
AL Dept. of MD
Unleashes a High Hard One



Waiting for the Command



Post 60 Color Guard
(Left to right) Abbey Rigney, Tim Thomas, CJ Thomas,
John Musgrove

Photos courtesy of
Jeff Thorne
Photography

CELEBRATE **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

4TH OF JULY POTLUCK
 From 1:00PM TO 3:00PM
 IN ALLEN HALL



AMERICAN LEGION POST 60
 Bring a dish or dessert to share with members!!

See you there!

Friday 4th July 2025

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUEST




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 2 Main Street, Laurel



CRAB FEAST



HOSTED BY:
 LAUREL SQUADRON 60

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH | 3:30 - 7:00 pm
 Doors open at 3.

\$70/Ticket

Food served at 4 pm

Crabs served from 5 to 7pm

Soda and Draft Beer included
 Cash bar for mixed drinks
 DJ, Games and more!

Ticket sales limited to 264 people.
 Tickets go on sale Saturday, May 31st
 For parties of 6 or more, email squadron60@verizon.net
 Tickets available at Post 60 or at laurelpost60.org/events.html
 301-725-2302

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR! ADULTS ONLY - 21 years minimum

AMERICAN LEGION POST 60
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 THE DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND
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2025 BARTENDERS CHALLENGE

SAL-MANIA

Jason "Diesel" Miller
 VS.
 Joe "F'ing" Gladden

3:00PM AUGUST 2ND 2025

FOOD • GAMES OF CHANCE • ENTERTAINMENT

All Profits Benefit Detachment Projects
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Sons of the American Legion, Laurel, Post 60
 2 Main St., Laurel, MD 20707

Annual Car & Bike Show
 Sunday, August 10, 2025...From 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Rain Date, August 17th, 2025
 Registration 9:00 am - 12:00 pm...\$20.00 Day of Show

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 Best of Show
 Commander's Choice




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 20+ Vendors and Auction in Air Conditioned Lounge
 Flag Retirement...Bring your old, faded American Flag and receive a new one! (While Supplies Last)
 This is a Family Friendly Event & Free to the Public
 For More Info...Contact the Event Chairman,
 Mike Templeton (443) 336-3700

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.**

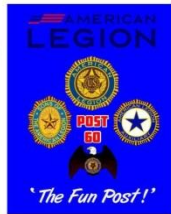
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THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY Ongoing Community Outreach Programs

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.

WE VOLUNTEERS

Post 60 Officers

Commander	Josie Lohman
1st Vice	Lee Luby
2ndVice	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	Mike Obremski
2ndVice	Rob Monko
3 rd Vice	Vacant
Finance	Martin Caslow
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	Lenny Morrel
Secretary	Christel Lopez-Berryman
Treasurer	Barclay Butler
Sgt-at-Arms	Joe Lohman
Chaplain	Charley Buckley
Safety Officer	Vacant
Road Captain	Pedro Lopez
Membership	Lenny Morrel
Public Affairs	Quinn Harry

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Commander's Last Shout

Thank you to everyone who assisted during the installation process. Your collective efforts made the work much easier.

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in returning the hall to its bingo format following the Honor Flight Welcome Home celebration.

Thank you to our Color Guard members for your weekly practice and presenting the colors during flag retirement, Honor Flight, and installation ceremonies.

Thanks to Kevin and Latrice (cleaning company) for installing the new automated paper towel dispensers in our bathrooms.

Thank you to Barbara Rhodes for coordinating another “fun post” fishing trip!



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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