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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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"The Fun Post"

September 2025



Josie Lohman
Commander, AL Post 60



August sure passed swiftly, the highlight of the month for me was a very memorable trip to Tampa. I was honored to attend the TAL National Color Guard Competition and support our distinguished Color Guard team. The result of significant preparation and dedication was reflected in their outstanding performance, it garnered widespread praise and became a central topic of conversation among attendees in the hospitality room. Members from across Maryland, including Department Commander Nikki Randolph, Madam President Kyrese Johnson, and various other dignitaries, were also present to observe the competition. As post commander, I am proud of their accomplishments and the well-deserved recognition they received.

Many of you may have noticed the ongoing construction around the ball field side of the post. Although there

have been a few setbacks, there is no cause for concern at this time. We look forward to eventually hosting a grand opening for this area. In the meantime, bingo patrons and guests attending events in the hall should continue to use the front entrance. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this period of improvement.

A request was received to consider moving the ATM machine. After much discussion, the Executive committee has decided to keep the ATM in the hall. This location is used more frequently, particularly on Friday nights.

We're excited to welcome a Fife and Drum Corps as the newest member of our Post 60 family. They'll begin practicing in our hall or parking lot on September 16th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. We look forward to partnering with them at parades, festivals, and ceremonies.

As we anticipate the arrival of a pleasant and rejuvenating autumn season, let's take a little time to make the most of these remaining summer days.





Lee Luby
1st Vice Commander



We are doing great with our membership so far this year and are right on schedule with 2026 renewals. As of August 22, we had 47.338% and we have submitted all the needed renewals for reaching 50% by the September 10 deadline.

If you have not renewed, please do so, that way you can participate in the special events at our Early Bird Party which will take place on October 12. Anyone can attend but only members with 2026 cards will be able to receive some of the Early Bird Rewards, such as free drinks and cash prizes.

No renewals will be accepted at the event, please pay ahead so that you will not be disappointed. Be sure to bring you 2026 card with you to the party!

Our goal is to reach 100% as we have done for several years, so be sure to renew and help us reach our 100% status again this year.

*Post 60 Early Bird Members
Appreciation Social*

Pay your 2026 dues Early and Join the Party!

THE
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Sunday

October 12, 2025

1:00 to 3:00 PM

**CASH DRAWINGS
EVERY 15 MINUTES!**

Lite food and snacks will be provided.
A Complimentary Drink Wristband will be
given to all 2026 Members

Members must have their
2026 membership card with them
Renewals will not be accepted at the door

**RENEW NOW
&
JOIN THE
FUN!**



Post 60 Entertainment
Tim Thomas
2nd Vice Commander



Hello Post 60, what a great month of August we have had!

Let me start with how proud I am to be a member of the Post 60 Color Guard. We went down to Tampa, nailed what we have been practicing for these past nine months, and left it up to the judges. All our practice paid off - we came in 2nd and 3rd in the classes we competed in! In the Post and Retrieve Competition, we missed placing first by just .6 of a point. The judges seemed to be impressed that this was our first competition as a team, they gave us a lot of positive feedback and great compliments. For those who may not know, our Color Guard Team that competed were - John Musgrove (Captain/Rifleman), Abbey Rigney (Rifleman), Myself (National Colors Bearer) CJ Thomas (Legion Colors Bearer) and alternates on standby, Mac McNally, Chris Davis, and Eddie Souder. Please take a moment to thank my fellow Guardsmen and let them know how proud you are of them, I certainly am.

In early August we hosted the Detachment of Maryland's Annual Bartenders Challenge. Once again, the turnout and support were incredible. They raised a considerable amount for their Detachment projects and programs. Directly after that was our 1st "Kickball Under the Lights". Approximately 15 Active-Duty Service Members participated, and numerous young Post 60 members and their friends showed up (AKA - Post 60s Ringers...lol). Everyone had such a great time they want to do it again. Be on the lookout for something in late October or early November!

And last but not least... FOOTBALL IS BACK! Be sure to come down for the 1:00 PM games every Sunday. As always, we will have local teams (when scheduling allows) on the SAL big screen and big lounge television. All the other games will be broadcasted on the rest of the TVs. We will still provide hot dogs and light snacks during the 1:00 PM games. Thank you to all who donate to keep this going! We always try to accommodate every fan (even the ones that cheer for that team with a Star on their helmet) but please understand, sometimes it's just not possible to make everyone happy.

Everyone, have a great September! I hope to see your smiling faces around the Post!



Auxiliary Unit 60 Carolyn Monko ALA President



Grab your pumpkin spice or whatever you like because Unit 60 is headed into a busy Fall!

Monday, September 8th, will be our next Auxiliary meeting. Our special guest will be Joseph Pruden, who will be giving us a presentation on "Be the One", an initiative of the American Legion to reduce veteran suicides by encouraging peer-to-peer support and mental health resources. We will have a light dinner at 6:30 for all participants and the meeting starts at 7:00.

Bring your friends and shop for the upcoming Fall and Holiday seasons at the Unit 60 Craft Show on September 13th in the Main Hall. The show will run from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and Penny Garrett has arranged a great lineup of crafters with something for everyone. Help us get the word out to friends, family, and the community. There are flyers available in the Lounge, and I can provide you with an electronic copy if you would like to put it on your social media platforms.

Jumping into October, members who have renewed their membership by October 1st can participate in the "American Legion Family Early Bird Appreciation Social" on October 12th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Light fare will be provided along with a complimentary drink wristband and cash drawings every 15 minutes. You are welcome to renew at any time however you must have that Early Bird stamp by Oct. 1st to participate in this event.

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. Members who have set up accounts on the National website can renew online and print out their cards. You can also call National Headquarters at (317) 569-4570 with your member ID and speak with a real person that can walk you through the process. 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).

Next up is the Annual Fall Crab Feast on October 18th. We will be having a buffet from 4:00 until 5:00 and then it's all you can eat crabs until 7:00. Free soft drinks and beer, cash bar for anything else and DJ Butch will be keeping the music going for dancing. Stay around afterwards to enjoy the Saturday night band. If you would rather volunteer to help that day and be a part of the "Fun Post" crew, there is a sign-up sheet in the lounge. Tickets

are \$70.00 and will be sold only at the Post this year. To buy tickets or for information on the crab feast and volunteering please contact Carolyn Monko at carlymon4@gmail.com or get in touch with Carolyn or Tris Thomas at the Post.

October would not be complete without the Children's Halloween Party! This year it will be on October 26th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 in the hall. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lounge if you would like to volunteer to plan, decorate, or help that day. We have a great time and always enjoy the enthusiasm of the children in their costumes.

Every Tuesday is Craft Night at the Post! Crafters have been getting together to make Kumihimo braided bracelets to sell at the Craft Show with profits benefitting the Auxiliary and the Legion Riders programs. If you would like to make one for yourself, the cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children, which includes all the materials and instructions. They are always looking for new ideas to create for fun. Bring those Autumn and Christmas ideas in to share with the group.

The Auxiliary would like to give a huge shout-out to one of our newest members, Abbey Rigney, and the rest of the Post 60 Color Guard who participated in the Color Guard competition at the Legion Convention in Tampa. They won 2nd and 3rd place in their categories at the competition. We are so proud of them and their achievements!

Please remember to save your pop/tops (pull tabs) from beverage and food containers. These will be going to the USO to help them with their programs for military families. There is a collection canister in the lounge for tab donations.

Thank you to everyone who has donated Back to School Supplies for our Give 10 to Education program, but the need doesn't stop when the children go back to school. There is a bin in the Lounge (by the sparkle room) for donations of pencils, crayons, tissues, antibacterial wipes and more. There will be bookmarks with needed supplies by the bin.

The Unit would like to thank everyone who attended our Wednesday Night Bar Bingo this past summer and a huge Thank You to Tris Thomas, Barbara Rhodes, Peggy Purcell, and Sandy Stoner for making it happen. We had a lot of fun and look forward to next year.





Happy September to all.

Wow!! Where'd the summer go, it feels like it was just spring, and we were talking about getting geared up for the riding season.

Now I know what you all are thinking, we still have several good months of riding around this state, with the fall colors changing and the leaves falling but it's pumpkin spice season already.

The Vietnam Veterans Group of Prince George's County has gracefully asked ALR 60 to join them once more for the 'Wall Washing' on Sept. 20th at the Viet Nam Memorial in Washington, D.C. If you would like to join in, please meet at the Post with Kick Stands Up between 0515 – 0530, leaving for DC to help clean the Memorial..



The Gold star Legacy Fund has raised \$1M over 10 years towards the national fund. Larry "BamBam" Morrell has earned the most of any ALR 60 Rider with \$2,000. Thank you to everyone who helped BamBam reach and surpass his \$500.00 goal!

As always, be careful out there with the "cages" of course but also remember that wet leaves and standing water can be just as dangerous!

Very Respectfully,
Lenny



Here are some photos from this year's 9/11 Patriots Day Ride



Winey Wednesday
Every WEDNESDAY
4 pm - Closing

September 2025



The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Picnic 1-3 pm w/DJ Butch	2 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	3 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 Reilly Goulet Band 7:30 pm
7 NFL Sunday 1-7pm	8 ALA Mtg 7 pm	9 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	10 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Mtg 7 pm	11 Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm	12 Joint Venture 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	13 Gary and the Groove 7:30 pm
14 NFL Sunday 1-7pm	15	16 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	17 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	18 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	19 The Jamesons 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	20 Wild Grey Hairz 7:30 pm
21 NFL Sunday 1-7pm	22	23 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	24 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 Rebound 7:30 pm
28 NFL Sunday 1-7pm	29 	30 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM			

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



October 2025



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Every Wednesday is Winey Wednesday 4 pm - Closing	 Happy Hour Mon - Fri 4 to 7 PM		1 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	2 SAL Meeting 7 pm	3 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	4 Sharon Dukes & All-Star Band 7:30 pm
5 NFL Sunday 	6	7 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	8 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Mtg 7 pm	9 Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm	10 Lost and Found 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	11 In ToneNation 7:30 pm
12 Post 60 Early Bird Social 1-3pm NFL Sunday 	13 ALA Mtg 7 pm	14 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	15 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	16 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	17 Groove Quest 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	18 ALA CRAB FEAST 4-7 pm Greater Image 7:30 pm
19 NFL Sunday 	20	21 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	22 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	23	24 Acoustic Cafe 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	25 SAL So. MD Drawdown 3:30-7:30 pm Out of Order 7:30 pm
26 Kid's Halloween Party 1-3 pm  NFL Sunday 	27	28 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	29 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	30	31 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 Bingo)	



P&G Catering Every Friday in the Kitchen
5:30 to 9 PM



2025 American Legion National Color Guard Competition



“Forward March!!”



The Team



Second Place - .6 points out of First!!!



The Best Fans in the hall!



★ NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE ★

In Honor of 9/11, Patriot Day

BALTIMORE NATIONAL CEMETERY

5501 FREDERICK AVE, CATONSVILLE, MD 21228

SEPT 11TH | 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

In recognition of this solemn day, Carry The Load is proud to partner with the National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veteran Affairs, to offer meaningful ways for Americans to honor those who have served our country.

Join us for a National Day of Service and Remembrance by volunteering at more than 60 VA National Cemeteries across the nation. Volunteers will help clean headstones and beautify these sacred grounds in tribute to our military, veterans, first responders, and their families.

Dress is casual and respectful. No open toe shoes or tank tops. We will be outside so, be mindful of the weather. No pets please. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Register To Volunteer



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
National Cemetery Administration

American Legion ALA Unit 60

presents

Fall Craft Show



September 13, 2025

10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

at the American Legion Post 60 Hall

2 Main Street, Laurel, Maryland



Free to Shoppers
Plenty of Parking
40+ Crafters
Something for
Everyone!



AMERICAN LEGION
LAUREL Post 60

CRAB FEAST

\$70/PERSON

SATURDAY, OCT. 18TH

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Doors open at 3:30



Ticket sales limited to 250 people.

Ticket purchases at Post 60 ONLY!

For tickets contact: Carolyn Monko

301-725-2302 or at carlymon4@gmail.com

NO Tickets Sold at the Door.

Adults only | Must be 21 years old to attend.

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Food served at 4 pm

Pulled Pork & Chicken,
Crab Soup, Salads,
Baked Beans & Desserts

Crabs served 5 - 7 pm

Soda & Draft Beer included
Cash Bar for Wine & Mixed Drinks

DJ, Money Wheel,
Pull Tabs and 50/50s!

SAL SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION DRAWDOWN

Saturday Oct. 25th, 2025

3:30pm to 7:30pm

at Laurel American Legion Post 60

2 Main St, Laurel, MD 20707

DONATION: \$50 per couple

Each ticket (admits 2) and includes:

Dinner from 4pm to 6pm

Unlimited Draft Beer and Soda

Limited Open Bar from 4pm to 5pm

A chance to WIN up to \$1000 in Cash

Only 150 tickets Sold



All proceeds will go to support
American Legion Family
Programs

Only 150 tickets sold

Every 10th ticket drawn wins at least \$50

Last ticket drawn wins \$1000.00

50th ticket wins \$200 and 100th ticket wins \$400

You do not need to be present to win

Entertainment and Drawing begins at 4:30

Last Chance Drawing Winner gets \$100

And must be present to win

For more information contact

Any SAL Region Officer or Squadron 60

Auxiliary Post 60 Presents The CRAFT Club



**Kumihimo -
Japanese
Braiding**

Every Tuesday
6 - 9 pm



Get Crafty With Us

Join us every Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm, at Post 60 (this may change on occasion due to Post usage and/or a scheduled Craft event). We will be enjoying an evening out doing some Kumihimo braiding with and without beads, and any other craft you may want

Let's share ideas and inspiration!

American Legion Post 60
2 Main Street, Laurel, MD 20707

P & G CATERING MENU

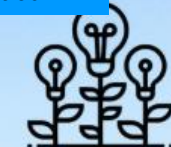
At Laurel Post 60

APPETIZERS

Stuffed Jalapeños	\$6
Classic Chicken Wings	\$12
Fried Flautas	\$6
Bacon Wrapped Shrimp	\$6
Fries	\$4
Loaded Fries	\$7
Loaded Nachos	\$10

BEVERAGES

Canned Soda & Water	\$1
Fresh Juice	\$2
Fresh Iced Tea	\$2



ENTRÉES

Philly Cheese Steak	\$12
Quesadillas	\$9
Chicken Salad Sub	\$12
Grilled Salmon	\$15
Cheeseburger	\$12
Bone-In Pork Chop	\$15

HOMEMADE DESSERTS \$4

*New dinner specials & Salads
(check the board!)*

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Renew Your 2026 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



Thank you Post 60 for all
the support that you
provided us with over the
past year.
We couldn't have done it
without you!

Laurel Post 60 Color Guard Competition Team

Tim Thomas "Mac" McNally
CJ Thomas Chris Davis
Abbey Rigney John Musgrove

"THE FUN POST!!"

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/>



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.

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	Mike Obremski
2nd Vice	Rob Monko
3rd 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	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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POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

Commander's Last Shout

Thanks to Dave Privott and First Vice Shirley Luby for keeping things on track while I attended the national convention.

Thanks to Tim Thomas and Dave Privott for organizing a live stream watch party for members to support the Color Guard during the competition.

Thank you to all our members who came in and cheered on our color guard.



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**

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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