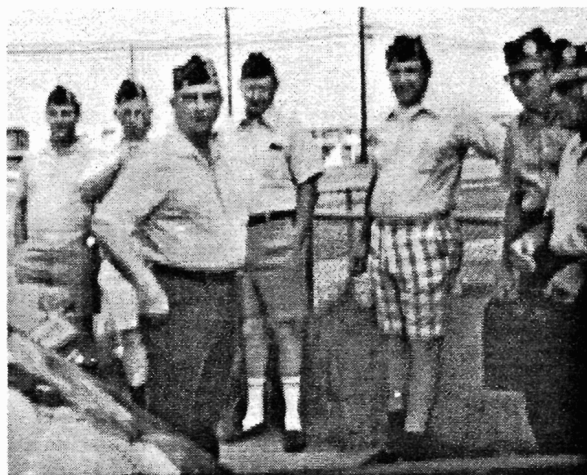


Ed Lumsden with the assistance of Bill Hurst, the affair enabled a number of Veterans to secure employment. The Post hosted a dance to benefit Nurses Training (40 & 8), three youths were sponsored to Boys State and the Graves Decoration committee reported 288 graves decorated. The number has since grown to over 500. Membership records indicate 1,038 for Pollys first year and 1,062 for the following year.

NOTE: A Computer was purchased for the Managers Office; we can now present a more detailed report on donations and Post activities.

Clyde "Gunny" Harmon was next in line with 1080 members reported. During the Special Olympic games, Laurel Leader Editor, Gertrude Poe made a financial contribution in the memory of WW I Veteran and Past Commander W. McCormick. Ms. Poe was a staunch supporter of Post activities during her many years as Editor of "The Leader". A pledge of 1K to Laurel Hospital was met by a Monte



### *Ocean City, 1982*

Carlo night and another night netted \$659 for the Clarence Bacon fund. A new Manager, Laddie Cmerek replaced Erdman Albiker who relocated to Florida. The Post received a commendation from the Secretary of State for Adjutant Ray's assistance as coordinator for dedication of the Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery.

When we were burned out we were given a Bingo board and equipment by Laurel Moose;

we were able to return the favor when we donated Bingo equipment to VFW Post 8097. Ed Welsch raised \$1,865 with his third annual beauty pageant; this was given to Great Oaks Center. Bob Solan donated the "little car" which was driven by George "Buzzy" Parkman (the only Post member who could fit in the drivers seat). The car has appeared in all local parades and at the Convention in Ocean City and is presently in the Pitzer garage for safekeeping.



*"Buzzy", Post 60 - "Little Car"*

The Post reception for Laurel Day At The Races received a big publicity boost when National Commander Keith Kreul and National President Anna Geare BOTH attended a reception at the Post. Laurel Race Track annually set aside one day for the event. Adjutant Ray chaired this event for ten years which saw many National Officers attend as well as Legionaries from all over Maryland. Lack of attendance eventually resulted in cancellation of this popular program.

We next salute James Y. Tanabe for his years stewardship, 1984-1985 where he again attained 4-Star status with over 1,080 members. The Laurel Armory was renamed the Anderson-Murphy Community Center in honor of two Post members who are presently in Post Everlasting. A fishbowl fund raiser at the Shopping Center netted \$783 which was presented at the telethon; 600 books were taken to the VA Hospital, clothing valued at \$465 was taken to Great Oaks Center. These periodic donations were taken by Life Member Tom Marr who steadfastly refused recognition for his efforts. Boy Scout troop 602 aided our members in graves decoration, their efforts were rewarded when the Post provided funds for a camping trip. A Monte Carlo night on April 27 netted \$1,000 which was donated to The Francis Fuchs Special Center for specialized playground equipment. The donation was gratefully received by Shirley Jacquez, an employee of the center.

The year was rounded out by Tom Marr taking 701 books to the VA Hospital and clothing



### *National CDR Kruel Visits Laurel*

valued at \$765 to Great Oaks Center.

Records indicate that during 1985-1986 Ed Strainge was Commander with 1,088 members on board for 4-Star status. A flag essay contest culminated with flag patches given to all school participants and a ceremonial flag given to City Hall. Three Boys Staters were chosen, four school awards given and Flag Day was officially celebrated with a Joint ceremony held at the Burtonsville Elks.

Post activities continued with a bus trip to the Orioles game, 324 flags placed on Veterans graves and \$500 donated to the Southern Maryland Youth Camp. Clothes valued at \$465 were taken to Great Oaks Center, special funds were provided to obtain a motorized wheel chair for UCP victim Oliver Fisher and a Detachment Convention for the S.A.L. was held at the Post .

Our next Commander was David Kennedy. During his time of leadership the Post rose to 1101 members and the Post

received an award for the greatest increase in Americanism during the year. Bus trips to the Orioles games were held, clothing valued at over 1K was taken to Great Oaks Center, and over 1000 books were given to the VA Hospital. Our annual donation of \$500 each to the Laurel Rescue Squad and Volunteer Fire Department was made, \$500 to the Southern Maryland Children & Youth programs, \$299 for Christmas baskets and \$845 given to Perry Point VA Hospital from the Joe Leschinsky fund.

Under Commander Kennedy's leadership, smoke eaters were purchased for the Harry Allen Hall (17K), four youths were sponsored to Boys State, sixteen school awards were given and Post/Auxiliary members manned the telephones at Citizens Bank in Laurel for an American Diabetes Foundation telethon. He participated in a walkathon for the Cancer Foundation and initiated the first



*Charlie and Ruth Mills, CDR Pitzer donate to Easter Seals*



### *Unit 60 Business, 1982*

Literacy Foundation class in Laurel with Bill Stoner in charge.

Squadron 60 raised \$866 on a go-cart raffle for the VA Hospital, \$288 for Down's Syndrome and \$320 from a ride-a-bike fund raiser. Post activities for this Legion Year ended with donating the Allen Hall for a VFW fund raiser and assuming payment for WW I Veteran William Kaiser's funeral expenses.

1987-1988 saw Sheldon Barber attain a 4-Star status with 1,101 members and Phil Hardy hired to replace Laddie Cmerek (deceased) as Post Manager. Three Boys Staters were sponsored, 2K in scholarships awarded, 2K donated to Francis Fuchs Special center, \$600 to UCP, \$500 to VA Hospital and Laurel Volunteer Fire Department. Ed Welsch chaired the Children's Halloween and Christmas parties, \$200 was added to the Literacy Fund, three electric fishing reels were donated to the Muscular

Dystrophy foundation, \$600 given to Explorer Scouts, fourteen school awards given and 2K was donated to the project to purchase a van for Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

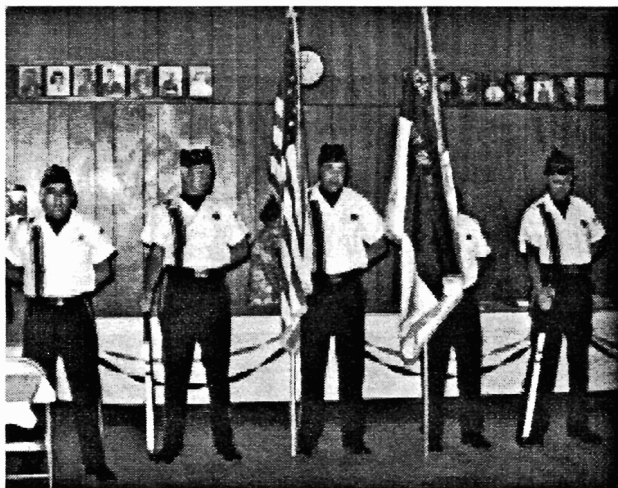
Finally, 950 small flags were donated to Laurel Elementary and James Harrison Elementary Schools. Jack Lester replaced Ed Strange as District Vice Commander when Ed resigned and relocated to Florida.

1988 began a rather tumultuous two years under the leadership of George Schaab. Four-Star membership was attained with 1143 listed, five youths were sent to Boys State, eight JROTC medals and sixteen school awards were given out. The Laurel Nursing Home was given \$200 for lawn furniture, 2K awarded in scholarships, Labor Day and Halloween saw parties at the Post and the Best Marching Unit award at Department Convention was won by Post 60 for the first time! Fifteen flags were given to Francis Fuchs Special Center, \$600 for food baskets (Thanksgiving & Christmas), \$200 in canteen books for the indigent patients at

VA Hospitals and Laurel Moose donated \$100 for use of Marr Field.

Laurel grad night was given gratis use of the Allen hall for a fund raiser, \$50 to Easter Seals, \$600 to Cerebral Palsy, \$500 to Laurel Volunteer Fire Department, 1.2K was raised for a walk for Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, member Ed Gilliam received \$200 to help rebuild his home after it was destroyed by fire, \$325 given to Children & Youth and Adjutant Ray was named as Prince George's County Legionnaire of the Year. The year was closed out with two bus trips to Oriole games and \$100 was donated to two Eagle Scouts to pay for their Life Memberships after being elevated to Eagle Scout rank.

Legion year 1989-1990 saw George again attain a 4-Star status with 1,237 members (94 above last year). The Sis Warner snack bar was dedicated, \$500 given to FISH of Laurel and the Volunteer Rescue Squad, \$250 raised in a walkathon for Juvenile Diabetes, \$450 given to the Fort McHenry restoration, \$600 to Cerebral



**Color Guard, Post 60:** (left to right)  
Ray Jaquez, Harold Duvall, Bill Roberts,  
Al Plauger and Ed Strange.



**Joint Installation, Post 60**

Palsy, 1K to Childrens Hospital (from food sales), \$200 to American Red Cross, \$200 to Perry Point VA Hospital from the Joe Leschinsky fund, 1K to the Volunteer Fire department, \$777 to National Disaster Relief Fund, 25 food baskets to FISH for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and 150 small flags donated to Brock Bridge Elementary School (matched by Unit and Squadron 60).

The National convention was held in Baltimore; Post 60 manned the badge/credential office and issued over 22,000 badges to members of the Legion family. Five students were sent to Boys State, Life Member Tom Marr received a special plaque for his continuing work in Community Relations and surplus tables and chairs were donated to the Laurel Literacy Center. Halloween and Christmas parties were held at the Post for the children, members helped out at the Great Oaks Christmas party, savings bonds were given to the winners in the Childrens Essay contest and \$250 was given to the Laurel Boys & Girls Club to sponsor a 10-12 year old team.

A flag disposal ceremony was held during the year, \$200 donated to VA Hospital for canteen books (Squadron 60 donated \$500 for this project), new Bingo equipment was installed (4K), new Constitution and By-Laws were adopted, and Post 60 had both County (Dave Kennedy) and District (Jack Lester) Commanders. The bartenders can fund developed sufficient revenue to build and install complete bar/counter facilities in the Allen Hall.



### *Memorial Day, 1987*

Francis Fuchs Special Center received \$500, 2.5K was raised for construction of a Veterans Memorial at Legion Circle in Ivy Hill Cemetery, three students were sent to Boys State, 2.5K in scholarships were awarded, Great Oaks center received \$300 for their Spring fling, 4.8K was spent to fence in Marr Field, surplus tables and chairs were donated to the Southern Maryland Youth Camp, sixteen school awards, and four \$100 awards were given to deserving Seniors at LHS and PHS. Post 60 submitted a resolution (Bob Maring) to Department/National Headquarters protesting irresponsible closing of military bases.

Needless to say, all of the donations listed during the above periods and forthcoming periods could not have been made without the tireless work of many unpaid volunteers, their names are legend . . .