



The American Legion



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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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April 2026



Josie Lohman
Commander, AL Post 60



Lee Luby
1st Vice Commander



Who are we? Throughout the year, I frequently encounter individuals who inquire about the American Legion and what we stand for. It's surprising that, despite our long-standing presence in this community, awareness of our organization remains limited. Recently, however, we have increased our visibility - participating in parades, holiday and community events, fairs, and more. As a result, more people are beginning to recognize who we are and understand the meaningful ways we support veterans, youth, and our community as a whole. We encourage everyone to talk with your neighbors, friends, and acquaintances and share information about our mission. Together, we can help strengthen both our community and our nation.

Lately, we've also been working with the USO, providing funds to help serve meals to military spouses and children who've had to leave their homes overseas. Many arrive with little more than the clothes they're wearing, simply trying to reunite with loved ones here in the United States. I am incredibly proud that our post has taken a leading role in supporting this effort. Caring for veterans and their families - offering reassurance, support, and a sense of safety - is at the heart of what we do. We are not just a social gathering place, we are a community where people volunteer, contribute, and truly make a difference. Each member contributes in their own way, helping whenever and wherever needed.

Our achievements and ongoing dedication to our mission are commendable. Thank you for your time, your compassion, and your commitment.

Elections are fast approaching. If you're thinking about running for an office in your unit, this is the perfect time to get involved. By working together, we have the power to create meaningful change!

The end of this year's membership year is the second week in June, but we are already at 100% and climbing!!! On top of our 100% accomplishment, we have four more members to submit this week, so we will go above our projected goal of 695. Do not stop working because we want to get as many new Legionnaires and renewals as possible so that maybe we can advance to category 5 in Department. Let's keep going!!!



Don't forget to vote!

Officer Elections

Legion, ALA, Sons and ALR



Post 60 Resource Officer David Privott replaces a worn-out flag for an elderly resident in West Laurel.



Post 60 Entertainment
Tim Thomas
 2nd Vice Commander



Hello Post 60. This past month was tough for our Legion Family. We have lost a few valued members, dear friends and loved ones. We honored their lives by hosting memorial services to pay our respects. I would like to dedicate my article this month to their memory with the following poem in their honor.

"We Carry On" ~*Author Unknown*

We pause to remember names and faces,
 Voices that once filled our lounge and hall,
 Quiet now, but never gone—
 Still echoing in us all.

In shared stories and steady hands,
 In laughter that finds its way through,
 We carry them forward together,
 In the things we continue to do.

Though loss may visit each of us,
 It does not stand alone—
 For in this family we've built,
 No one walks that road on their own.

So as we gather, we remember,
 We honor, and we stand strong—
 Because a part of those we've lost
 Still guides us as we go on.

I hope everyone one has a blessed Easter spent with family and friends.



Squadron 60
David Tyson
 Blood Drive Coordinator



Every 2 seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. This is why the American Legion is on a mission to help save lives. Our donors play a critical role in the treatment of accident and burn victim, heart surgery and organ transplant patients and those receiving treatment for Leukemia, Cancer or Sickle Cell disease.

Looking back at 2025, the American Red Cross was able to collect 65 pints of blood with the support of Post 60. Each pint collected equates to more than one life saved. **Can we do more in 2026**, sure we can. New opportunities lay ahead, now we need to show what we can do.

We currently have three Blood Drives scheduled for the coming year. Now is your chance to save the dates:

June 1st

August 10th

November 16th.

Please find a way to spend an hour with us on one or all of the dates. Let us show them what Post 60 can do. **It is time to save lives in 2026.**

The need is constant.
 The gratification is instant.
 Give blood.



The American Legion

Post 60

Allen Hall

1 June 2026

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

To sign up:

<http://redcrossblood.org>

in the site block, enter Laurel Post 60

If you need assistance getting signed up,
 Contact Dave Tyson
 Email: dtyson214@gmail.com
 Cell: (410) 491-5028



Auxiliary Unit 60
Carolyn Monko
ALA President



March has been a busy month for the Auxiliary with lots of donations and volunteers working to help our Veterans, Community, and Active-Duty personnel and their families.

Our Tuesday night craft club has been busy making kumihimo bracelets to sell as a fundraiser. They donated \$500.00 to our Department President's Project, Girls State, and have been available to help with many of our other endeavors. They have been pitching in to create decorations for the Children's Easter Party and assembling shower kits for the USO. Come out and join them every Tuesday at the post for socializing and creative endeavors!

Speaking of the USO, one of our members, Lorie Smallets, along with her husband Walter, volunteer their time at the USO facility at BWI Airport. They had a very busy few weeks working long days and nights with the flights of military families coming in from overseas during the evacuations. The Legion Family helped with donations for food to give to the families as they came through BWI. Lorie and Walter told us about the wonderful organization of the Navy to ensure these families had what they needed after a stressful and long and long trip back to the States.

Our Poppy committee and Chaplain handed out hundreds of poppies to friends and families at the Celebrations of Life for several Post members this past month. Our amazing chefs and bakers also provided food and baked goods that helped take some of the stress of planning from those families and Legion members.

The Children's Easter Party will be finished by the time this comes out; however, it's not only the children that have a great time. Our volunteers love watching the kids hunt eggs, play games, and create Spring crafts. This party is made possible through the efforts of our volunteers who plan, prepare, and carry out the day for all of our Children's Parties to great success for the kids and their families.

Sheryl Dewalt and her committee for Girls State have been busy interviewing candidates for the Auxiliary to sponsor for the week-long program in Salisbury this summer. Laurel is hosting an orientation for the girls in April, and we look forward to meeting some of the young ladies.

We have many volunteers who help around their community, helping out in churches, schools, senior citizen centers, and more. No matter how you volunteer, your Auxiliary would love to hear about it! Many thanks to all of our volunteers who make a difference.

Dept. of MD - Poppy Basket Raffle

Supporting Veterans, their families,
 Youth Programs & Honor Flights



Tickets:

1/\$1.00 or 6/\$5.00

Make checks payable to:
 Department of Maryland

For tickets, contact:

Penny Garrett (Unit 60) @ (443) 623-5327





Drawing will be held at the May DEC meeting, on Saturday, May 9, 2026



April 2026

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

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 Happy Hour Mon - Fri 4 to 7 PM		1 Queen of Hearts 5-7:15 pm	2 SAL Meeting 7 pm	3 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	4 The Low Keys 7:30 pm
5	6	7 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	8 Queen of Hearts 5-7:15 pm ALR Mtg 7 pm	9 Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm	10 Acoustic Cafe 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	11 Greydog Band 7:30 pm
12 Coach Purse BINGO!! 2:00 pm SOLD OUT!	13 ALA Mtg 7 pm	14 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	15 Queen of Hearts 5-7:15 pm	16 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	17 Andy and Amy 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	18 Oyster Bowl 5:00-7:30 pm Greater Image 8:00 pm
19	20	21 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	22 Queen of Hearts 5-7:15 pm		24 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	25 Different Sisters 7:30 pm
26	27	28 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	29 Queen of Hearts 5-7:15 pm			
 P&G Catering Every Friday in the Kitchen 4:00 to 9 PM 						



May 2026

**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 Main St. Festival 9:00 am The Sandra Dean Band 7:30 pm
3	4	5 ALA Craft Night 6-9 pm	6	7 SAL Meeting 7 pm	8 The Groove Quest 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	9 Rebound 7:30 pm
10 MOTHERS DAY	11 ALA Meeting 7 pm	12 ALA Craft Night 6-9 pm	13 ALR Meeting 7 pm	14 Executive Committee Mtg 7 pm	15 Lost & Found 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	16 Armed Forces Day & The Big Horse Race Potluck Wild Grey Hairz 7:30 pm
17 Massing of the Colors Ft. Meade 2:30 pm	18	19 ALA Craft Night 6-9 pm	20	21 General Assembly 7 pm	22 The Reilly Gouliat Band 7-10 pm (50/50 Bingo)	23 Out of Order 7:30 pm
24 Ivy Hill Memorial Day Celebration 11:00 am	25	26 ALA Craft Night 6-9 pm	27	28	29 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	30 Sharon Dukes and the All Stars 7:30 pm
31	 P&G Catering Every Friday in the Kitchen 4 to 9 PM 					



Kid's Easter Party 2026



Photos: David Privott

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AMERICAN LEGION
OYSTER BOWL
2026

AMERICAN LEGION POST 60
 Saturday, April 18, 2026
 2 Main Street, Laurel, MD • 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

ADMISSION

\$55 Per Person
 Table of 10 - \$550

Includes:
 1 Drink Ticket
 Draft Beer, Soda,
 & Water
 Included

DELICIOUS MENU

* Raw, Steamed & Fried Oysters

- ⚓ Roast Beef
- ⚓ Fried Chicken
- ⚓ Vegetables
- ⚓ Salads
- ⚓ Desserts

AWARD PRESENTATION AT 7:00 PM
LIVE BAND IN THE LOUNGE AT 8 PM!

Contact: **DAVID PRIVOTT**
 202-351-9225
 Post60ResourceOfficer@gmail.com

CUT OFF FOR TICKETS IS APRIL 1ST

AMERICAN LEGION
BE THE ONE™
TRAINING

June 13, 2026

AMERICAN LEGION POST 60
 2 Main St., Laurel, MD

Light Lunch at Noon
 ★ **Class Starts at 1:00 PM**
 Lunch and class held in Allen Hall.

Learn more about how to "Be The One" to help and assist an at risk veteran.

- ★ Recognizing the warning signs
- ★ VA support & resources available
- ★ How to get involved in the Legion's
- ★ "Be The One" mission

Be The One to make a difference in One Life!!

Training is free and open to anyone.
 Contact laurelpost60newsandevents@gmail.com for questions.

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MCVETS – FILL THE CONTAINER

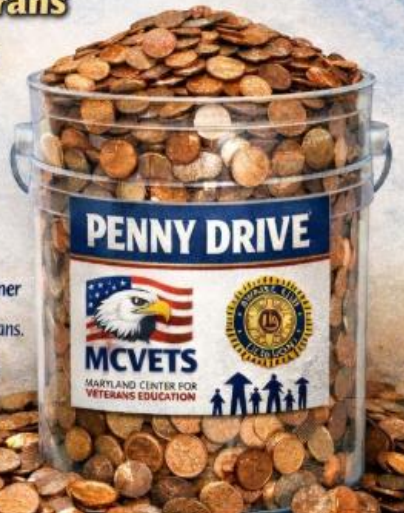
★ PENNY DRIVE ★

Sponsored by American Legion Post 60

Every Penny Makes a Difference for Our Veterans

American Legion Post 60 is proud to support **MCVETS** (Maryland Center for Veterans Education & Training) through our Fill the Container Penny Drive.

Help us make an impact – drop your spare change and help change a veteran's life.



What is MCVETS?

- ◆ Safe transitional & permanent housing
- ◆ Education & job training programs
- ◆ Employment placement assistance
- ◆ Case management & life-skills support
- ◆ Long-term stability & independence

How You Can Help

- ◆ Drop your pennies, coins, or spare change in the container
- ◆ Every contribution – large or small – supports local veterans.
- ◆ 100% of funds raised go toward assisting veterans in need.



MARYLAND CENTER FOR VETERANS
 EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Together, We Can Make a Difference – One Penny at a Time

American Legion Post 60

2 Main Street • Laurel, Maryland



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
MEANU

FRIDAY APRIL 3RD (GOOD FRIDAY),
APRIL 10TH, 17TH & 24TH

APPETIZERS

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

ENTRÉES

Philly Cheese Steak	\$13
Quesadillas	\$10
Chicken Salad Sub	\$13
Grilled Salmon	\$15
Cheeseburger	\$13
Stuffed Chicken	\$15
Grilled Steak	\$15

BEVERAGES

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

HOMEMADE DESSERTS \$3

Weekly Dinner
Specials & Soups & Salads

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Volunteer Laurel!
Living UP Community

CITY OF LAUREL GOVERNMENT

VOLUNTEER FAIR

April is National Volunteer Month! Join us for:

- *Door Prizes!
- *Refreshments!
- *Talk One-on-One with our Boards, Commissions, Committees and Local Non-Profit/Volunteer Organizations!

BONUS:

- We will be asking for your input on how we can better our Volunteer Program and get important information to you in a timely fashion!
- Any students in need of Community Service Hours? Make sure to bring your Student Service-Learning Forms for us to sign!

APRIL 18, 2026
10:00AM - 2:00PM

CRAIG A. MOE
LAUREL MULTISERVICE CENTER
204 FORT MEADE ROAD
(IN THE GYMNASIUM)

For more information, call 301-725-5300 ext. 2109 or visit www.cityoflaurel.org/volunteering

Fall CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, September 12, 2026
10:00 am until 3:00 pm

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

Handcrafted items & Direct Sales vendors only

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

See you there!

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.**

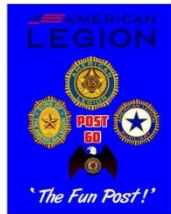
- Please join us on our Facebook page, *American Legion -Laurel Post 60* for Post 60 website links, newsletters, entertainment and activities that are posted on the page.

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
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	Vacant
2ndVice	Rob Monko
3 rd 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	Penny Garrett
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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Laurel Post 60
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Laurel, Maryland 20707-4304

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Veterans and
The Community
Since 1932

POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

Commander's Last Shout

Thank you to Diane for spearheading a fantastic Saint Paddy's Day party along with help from Barbara and Peggy.

Thank you to all who brought the delicious corned beef and cabbage, along with the tasty side dishes.

Thank you to our amazing ALR for coming together to host a wonderful Blessing of the Bikes.

Thank you, Joe Lohman for organizing the Post Cleanup Day, and to Dave Privott for keeping our hardworking volunteers fed by cooking burgers and dogs.

Thank you to our incredible ALA for assisting in every way possible with the many services and events that we've-hosted in the last few weeks.

Thank you to BAMBAM for taking on the role of The Easter Bunny for the Children's Party.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers that spent hours upon hours creating arts and crafts to ensure that our Children's Easter Party was a success.

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

 **AMERICAN
LEGION**

**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.

Post Phone: (301) 725-2302

Website: <http://laurelpost60.org>