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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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Commander's Message Josie Lohman



The dog days of summer are definitely upon us, but POST 60 members are still busy-busy with many upcoming events. One of our favorite events for MCVET will be taking place September 21st and we need all the volunteers we can get to make it a success. Please see the sign-up sheet at the lounge kiosk. We are also looking for donations of gently used and new clothing, both men and women's, to donate to MCVET residents. There will be a baseball game that day between Post 60 members and MCVET members. If you are interested in being on the team for Post 60, please see Diane Spears. Our Labor Day picnic on September 2nd will be here before you know it, hopefully the heat will calm down a bit by then. Be on the lookout for more information so you can join us. Our picnics are very popular, lots of good food and friends to socialize with!

The Department of Maryland convention was held in Ocean City July 15th through the 19th and POST 60 was proudly represented by eight of our members. We received an award for over 100% membership and for the best website and electronic newsletter for a post of 500 through 750 members. We also received an award for 2nd place in the Top Donor Award for the Maryland Gold Star Legacy Run. These awards will be on display in the lounge for all to see. While, attending this convention one thing was very apparent about POST 60, if it was said once it was said many, many times how POST 60 sets an example for Legion family. We should be proud of the example that we are setting throughout the state.

Our 2025 membership cards are in and ready for distribution. All you need to do is see Lee Luby and renew your 2025 membership. Renew before *October 13th* to get your card stamped with the early bird. Our early bird party will be held in the fall, and we would love to see you there.



1st Vice Commander Lee Luby



What a great year we had! A list of our Department awards can be found in Commander Lohman's report, but I am happy to say that one of them is a membership award to celebrate all of our Units achieving 100% renewal of our members. Such a large honor speaks of all the hard work and phone calls placed by officers who have been elected to positions that involve "gathering up" delinquent members and convincing them that The American Legion values our programs AND their membership. We want to do as well next year, and it's important to know that getting renewals is the responsibility of the members of all Units. Be sure to carry an application in your wallet for when you meet potential members and point them in the right direction to join our organization. The officers of all Units will gladly sign them up! !00% +++ next year!

Post 60 Lounge Rules Just a few gentle reminders!

The bartender is in charge, please let them do their job without interference.

Post 60 expects everyone to conduct themselves in a manner that is civilized, respectful and courteous towards fellow members and their guests. We strive to keep our lounge a socially fun environment for all.

Business is conducted in meetings, not in the lounge.

If you are in doubt of any rules while in the Post 60 lounge – please reread the first one!





Auxiliary Unit 60 Nancy Slavinski ALA President



August may not bring us a federal holiday or two, but it does bring us celebrations and observances such as World Wide Web Day on the 1st, U.S. Coast Guard Day on the 4th, International Dog Day on the 16th, and National Heroes Day on the 29th. Summer is slipping by and September will introduce Fall (and hopefully cooler temperatures).

Convention in Ocean City was July 15-19. We will utilize the information shared with all to increase awareness of the programs, encourage membership to grow, and more to be of service to our veterans and their families. The theme for the coming year is "RACING TO THE WINNERS CIRCLE. ALA had eight members in attendance who enjoyed networking, socializing, and sharing thoughts on how we can be the best of the best. At the convention, ALA received the Gold Plus Unit 2024 ribbon for 100% membership for 2023-2024.

Denise's Craft Corner: events will be on the calendar for September 16 (Pour and Paint Night), October 21 (Pumpkin Centerpiece), November 16 (Snowman Centerpiece), and December 17 (Seascape Centerpiece) to create a variety of items for yourself or as gifts for the holidays. These events are enjoyed by many and will now be held on either a Monday, Tuesday or Saturday to accommodate all interested parties. Take time for yourself and/or bring a friend/relative to experience the networking opportunity with others.

The winner of the **Beach Basket Raffle** was Sherry Ventura. Congrats!!

Game night on Wednesdays — Barbara Rhodes, Peggy Purcell and Tris Thomas will continue Wednesday game night until the end of August. Queen of Hearts is just around the corner so get ready for more fun and games. If you are interested in cooking every other Wednesday evening for Queen of Hearts, please see me.

<u>Carolyn Monko, Chair of the October 19 Crab</u> <u>Feast.</u> The summer is winding down but those blue crabs are still going strong! Grab your friends and get ready for All You Can Eat Crabs at the Unit's October 19th Crab Feast. DJ Butch will be keeping everyone entertained with his music magic (and taking requests) while you feast on Crabs, Pulled Pork & Chicken, Baked Beans, Salads, and Desserts! If you don't get enough to eat at dinner, try your luck at the Cake Wheel and share a delicious dessert with friends or sneak it home. Tickets will be available at the Post and online at Eventbrite starting August 24th.

While we love to see our Legion family members participating at the Crab Feast, we also love to spend time with them behind the scenes. We are still looking for volunteers to help out that day if you prefer to be in the fun crew! There will be a sign-up sheet in the hall, at the next Auxiliary meeting, or you can contact Carolyn Monko at carlymon4@gmail.com. The flyer is attached to this article.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: We are off and running for the 2024-2025 year as memberships will be available September 1st.

- 1. https://www.legion-aux.org/Renew -or-
- 2. **(317) 569-4570** The hours to call are Monday-Friday, 8AM-4:30PM EST

Questions? carlymon4@gmail.com

<u>Track It Forward</u>: Please remember to enter your hours. It is important for all Legion units to record hours to support National. We emphasize the importance at our monthly meetings.

The pop-top program will continue so please contribute those aluminum can pop-tops (any can) for us to support the chosen organization (Backpacks of Love). Our Give 10 to Education program for 2024-2025 will benefit Backpacks of Love. We will also continue to support LARS so please consider donating dry or canned goods...container in the Lounge. We will have more info to share after our August and September meetings when we vote on budget items.

ALA contact info: President - Nancy Sgambato Slavinski, <u>alapresidentunit60@gmail.com</u>; 2nd Vice - Denise Person, <u>dp.0325@icloud.com</u>; Secretary – Lucy Haggerty, <u>secretaryunit60@gmail.com</u>.

1st Vice – Carolyn Monko's email is under Membership above.



Squadron 60 David Tyson Coordinator



Post 60 Entertainment Tim Thomas 2nd Vice Commander



Blood Drive Sponsored by the American Red Cross & Post 60

As we are entering the critical summer months which are always a challenge for the American Red Cross in making sure that blood supplies are on the shelves when most needed. During these times it can be difficult for the Red Cross to maintain a sufficient blood supply when the donations go out the door faster than they can be collected. Blood shortages can delay essential medical care for our families and friends. Please help us show that we care, signup to donate.

Save the Date: Monday, 12 August 2024 Date: Monday, 12 August Time: 1:00 PM- 6:00 PM Place: The American Legion Post 60

> 2 Main St. Laurel, MD

You can register at this time. To signup, please log into:

redcrossblood.org

Location: American Legion Post 60





Thank you for everyone that came out and volunteered for the 4th of July picnic, it was a huge success! A special shout out to Ralph Webster and Dave Privott for standing over the grill on a 90 plus degree day to cook the hamburgers and hot dogs. Be sure to keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet, our Labor Day Picnic is next on, you guessed it, Monday, September 2nd.

Thank you to our Post 60 Color Guard for stepping up at the last minute to participate in the raising of our National Colors before Laurel's Firework Display. What an honor it was that the city contacted them to mentor local scouts in the proper way of raising the colors.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Annual Squadron 60 Car Show, August 4th and The Bartenders Challenge, August 10th. These events are two of their biggest fundraisers and have always been a huge success. Of course, we expect nothing less this year, because Squadron 60 does a great job running them both.

Post 60 Auxiliary has been doing game nights every Wednesday through the summer. The fun starts at 6pm and goes until around 8pm with Poker Card Bar Bingo and Pull Tab games to keep you entertained. The Auxiliary will continue with game night until the Queen of Hearts starts back up in September. Get over the hump with us - come on out and break up your week, enjoy Winey Wednesday, play some games, and have a little fun!

Thanks,
Tim Thomas
2nd Vice Commander American Legion Post 60



Squadron 60



Presents: THE BIG **ONE!!**





THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

ANNOUNCES OUR 10TH ANNUAL BIKE & CAR SHOW









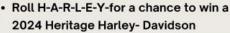


SUN. **AUGUST** 4TH 9A-3P



SCHEDULE TO FOLLOW:

- · Registration 9am-Noon,
- · \$20 per vehicle
- Event Hosted by "Bombers Car Club"
- · Dash Plaques,
- · Top 30 Awards, etc
- · Vendors, auction, air conditioned lounge and hall





Free entry for spectators

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CONTACT EVENT CHAIRMAN:



POST 60

2 Main St. Laurel, MD 20707

Mike Templeton (443) 336-3700











Michael Obremski Commander Detachment of Maryland



The 2024- 2025 Legion year is now upon us. We ended 2023-2024 strong so let's continue that momentum. We have much more that can be done that will better our Veterans and their families, the community, state and nation. We are the proud possessors of a priceless heritage like our preamble says, but we are also Proud Marylander's. Let's show our Pride and pull out all the stops this year to show everyone who we are. Squadron 60, and We are Maryland proud.

My theme this year is SONS HAVING FUN GETTING IT DONE. My project is building a much-needed Interactive Playground system at the Youth Camp in Southern Maryland. How is it that there is a youth camp but no playground for the youth? Remember back when you were younger, all the joy you had, the fun with your friends just goofing around, making up games, making new friends and just plain having fun. Why not bring that back for our youth of today. The inclusion of popular playground elements such as slides, swings, climbers and other equipment can significantly contribute to children's physical development. These activities help enhance their agility, speed, strength, balance and coordination. Moreover, presenting exercise as an enjoyable experience not only encourages kids to stay active but also fosters the development of creativity and social skills among peers. Besides, watching our children playing and laughing always brings joy and happiness to us adults. So, it is a win-win situation for all, parents and our youth.

I ask that you continue doing what we do in not only helping to support my project, but also all of the other programs under the four pillars (Americanism, Children and Youth, Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation, and National Defense) which help to support our Veterans and their Families. We always

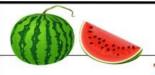
hear visiting National Commanders say, "Maryland knows how to raise money and set the standard of excellence, make it look so easy doing so, and have fun doing it!" Let's work to not just maintain this high standard we have already attained but exceed it and set new records. I know you can do it, because working together we accomplish great things.

I will have t-shirts on sale in the Post Lounge that will help support this project. If you do not wish to have a T-shirt general donations are always accepted and appreciated. I have said it before and will say it again, any change you are able to donate helps to make a change for our Youth.



Yours in Service Michael Obremski Commander Detachment of Maryland





August 2024



The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Y &	Happy Monday 4 to	- Friday	8 8 9	SAL Meeting 7 pm	2 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 C&Y)	Crush 7:30 pm
Squadron 60 Annual Car & Bike Show 9:00 am-3:00 pm	5 Color Guard Meeting 6:30 PM	6	7 Winey Wednesday 4 pm ALA Game Night 6 PM	8 Exec. Committee Meeting 7 pm	9 Echo 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 SAL)	10 Bartenders Challeng 3:30-6:30 pm DJ Butch 7:30-11:00 pm
11	12 ALA Member's Meeting 7pm	13	14 Winey Wednesday 4 pm ALA Game Night 6 PM ALR Meeting 7pm	15 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	16 Lost & Found 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	17 The Stillwater Band 7:30 pm
18	19	20	21 Winey Wednesday 4 pm ALA Game Night 6 PM	22	23 Mike, Deb, & Bob 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	24 Wild Grey Hairz 7:30 pm
25	26	27	28 Winey Wednesday 4 pm ALA Game Night 6 PM	29	30 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 Bingo)	31 3 'til Midnight 7:30 pm

Post 60 Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM

September 2024

Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day Picnic 1-3 pm w/DJ Butch POST OPENS © 12:00 PM	3	4 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	5 SAL Meeting 7 PM	6 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	7 Sharon Dukes & All Star 7:30 pm
NFL Sunday 1-7pm	9 ALA Meeting 7 PM	10	11 NEVER FORGET Queen of Hearts Cames Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Meeting 7 PM	Executive Committee 7 PM	13 Acoustic Cafe 7-10 pm SUPER Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	Rebound 7:30 pm
15 NFL Sunday 1-7pm	16	17	Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	19 General Assembly 7 PM	20 Rockab illy Reb els 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	Greater Image 7:30 pm
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Wednesday



AL Post 60 SAL Crab Feast















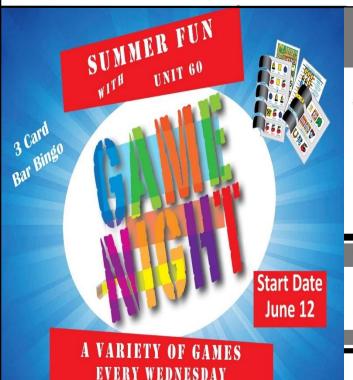














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BARTENDERS

All Guest Bartender Tips, plus Food & Games profits to Benefit the National Support Fund and Detachment Commander Project.

Who Will Win Bragging Rights?



Your Tips Decide Their Fate!

American Legion Laurel Post 60

All Proceeds to Benefit the Auxiliary Programs & Events

AT 6:00 PM



Monday, September 2nd
1 to 3 PM

Open to All Post Home Members and Their Family

Sign-up by August 28th at the events kiosk
A head count is needed so we don't
run out of Burgers & Dogs!

Also, Please let us know what Covered Dish,
Dessert, Or Snack you will be bringing;
Otherwise a \$5 contribution will gratefully be accepted!

DJ Butch Too! 1 to 6 PM



Friday, Sept. 13th

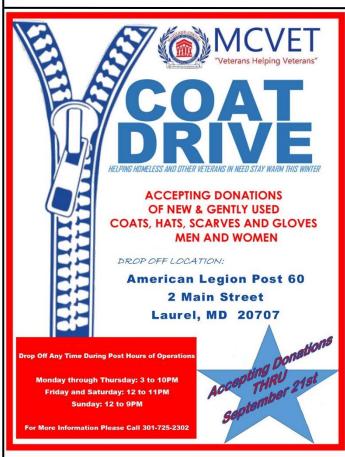
DOORS OPEN 5 PM EARLY BIRD BALL GAMES START AT 7PM

18 - \$500 PAYOUT GAMES AND TWO \$1000 PAYOUT GAMES!

\$100 Admission for 15 cards
Seating is Limited

20 games, ball games, plus early bird ball games too!

Like us on Facebook - American Legion Post 60 Friday Night Bingo







CRAB FEAST

\$75/PERSON

SATURDAY, OCT. 19TH

4.00 pm · 7.00 pm Doors open at 3.30

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!



Ticket sales limited to 250 people.

Tickets available beginning August 24th at www.eventbrite.com/unit60

301-725-2302

Contact: Carolyn Monko at carlymon4@gmail.com



NO Tickets Sold at the Door.

Adults only | Must be 21 years old to attend.

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Renew your 2025 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





FESTIVA

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT FROM 5:30 - 8 PM AT POST 60

1ST & 3RD (& 5TH) FRIDAY

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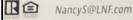
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www.Nancysellsmarylandhomes.com







2024 will mark 80 years since D-Day at Omaha Beach. This escorted tour is organized by a local ALA member for next September and is open to all adults. Limited slots available! Travel insurance and payment plans available. Free refreshments provided at information meetings!

Other tours: Greece 9d/7n - October 2024. If interested in either, email allabroadjourneys@gmail.com to be placed on info meeting list.

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/







AMERICAN FAMILY





Ongoing Community

Outreach Programs



Post 60 T-Shirts

With The New American Legion Logo!





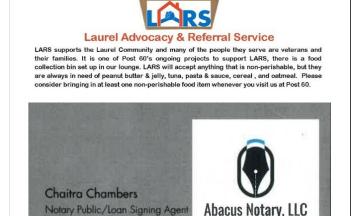


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Available Sizes:

Men - Medium to 4X Women - Small to 3X





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Commander's Last Shout

Thank you to Rob and Carolyn Monko for preparing delicious food and presenting it beautifully for our many events.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that brought in homemade desserts for these events.

Thank you to Ralph Webster, Dave Privott, and Tim Thomas for braving the intense heat and cooking burgers and dogs for our Fourth of July picnic.

Thank you to Eddie Souder for replacing the TV in the hall for our Bingo program.

Thank you to Al Jester for being our Bartender safety officer at the end of every night.

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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