



The American Legion



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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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"The Fun Post"

August 2026



Josie Lohman
Commander, AL Post 60



Transferring to Post Everlasting is not only a physical farewell; it is also the lasting presence of a person's behavior, lessons, and example. The body may leave us, but the spirit remains with us forever. We often take our everyday needs for granted, yet the road we travel together as a Legion family helps us grow stronger one day at a time, one member at a time. Will pieces be missing? Absolutely. But we remain whole. We have been left with memories, journeys, love, compassion, and dedication—everything we need to stay on the right path and continue moving toward greater success. Knowing and believing in someone can make us better as an organization. Lee taught us to believe in ourselves and to become stronger together, rather than focusing only on ourselves.

I opened this newsletter with the paragraph above as a tribute to our past commander, Shirley Luby. July was a difficult month for all of us. With her loss weighing heavily on our hearts, we attended the Maryland Department Convention in Ocean City. Even in our sorrow, we were reminded why we serve as an American Legion Post. I believe Lee was watching over us throughout the week, smiling through tears of

of joy as Laurel Post 60 was recognized not once, not twice, but eleven times for numerous awards. It was a bittersweet moment for everyone in attendance.

As I begin my third term as your commander, my deepest hope is that we continue moving forward on this path of success together. These past several months have not always been easy; at times, it has felt as though I was being pulled in fifty different directions—though, in truth, it may only been about ten 🤪. Still, through every challenge, I am reminded of the strength, dedication, and heart of this Post. Let us continue to honor those who served before us, stand beside those who serve today, and never forget the sacrifices made for this great nation of ours. Together, we are stronger, better, and more capable than we could ever be alone.

Now, as to those awards that we received, the one Lee was most proud of was our newsletter award and I must say we won this award again for the 15th year in a row! Thank you to our newsletter editor John Musgrove and his able assistants for everything they do in order to put this publication together. Sometimes it's like pulling teeth. But being the great dentist that you are, you get it done. Our numerous other awards are a reflection of what our post family does. Each and every member of this post should be proud of their contributions that make us a successful post.





Post 60 Entertainment

Tim Thomas

2nd Vice Commander



As we welcome August, I have found myself reflecting on leadership.

Over the past several weeks, I've thought often about our Past Commander, Shirley "Lee" Luby. Lee taught me that leadership isn't about titles or recognition—it's about showing up, putting the Post before yourself, and taking care of the people around you. Those are lessons I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

While we all continue to miss Lee, I know the greatest way we can honor her is to keep doing what she loved most—serving our veterans, strengthening our Post, and supporting our community. Every event we hold, every veteran we assist, and every volunteer who steps forward helps ensure that her legacy continues here at Post 60.

I also want to take a moment to thank everyone who helped make our Fourth of July efforts such a success. As many of you know, we faced more than a few obstacles leading up to Independence Day. From the cancellation of the Laurel Fourth of July Parade to the many last-minute changes that followed, there were plenty of moments when it would have been easy to give up. Instead, our members and volunteers did what they always do—they adapted, worked together, and found a way to make it happen.

Because of your dedication, our America 250 float was proudly displayed for the Laurel community, allowing countless people to enjoy the hard work that went into it. Thank you to everyone who donated materials, gave up evenings and weekends, helped build, transport, set up, tear down, or simply came out to support the effort. You turned a challenging situation into something our Post and our community could be proud of.

August will be another busy month around the Post. On August 8, we'll host the 8th Annual Detachment of Maryland Bartenders Challenge, which is always guaranteed to provide plenty of laughs while raising money for important Detachment programs. We hope to see a great crowd come out to support this fun event.

Later this month, our Color Guard will represent Post 60 and the Department of Maryland at the National Color Guard Competition in Louisville, Kentucky. They have worked extremely hard preparing for this honor, and we wish them safe travels and the very best

of luck as they proudly represent all of us on the national stage.

As always, none of what we accomplish happens without volunteers. Whether you're helping in the kitchen, working an event, serving on a committee, participating in the Honor/Color Guard, or simply supporting our fundraisers, every contribution makes a difference. Post 60 continues to thrive because of members who believe in serving something bigger than themselves.

Thank you for everything you do for our veterans, our Post, and the Laurel community. I look forward to seeing everyone around the Post this month.

We Don't Fail!!

LABOR DAY

Potluck

SEPTEMBER 7TH

1-3PM

All Post 60 Units will have a representative available to renew your membership for 2027. This will qualify you for the **Early Bird Social** in October!

POST 60 WILL SUPPLY THE BURGERS AND DOGS!

EVERYONE BRING A DISH OR DESSERT FOR OTHERS TO ENJOY!

Good Food. Great Company. Stronger Together!



♥ LET'S VOLUNTEER TOGETHER ♥



Auxiliary Unit 60
Carolyn Monko
ALA President



Summer will be over sooner than we would like and it's back to school for many children and young adults. We are rolling out our "Give 10 to Education" drive to collect and donate school supplies to the students at Fort Meade. The idea of Give 10 is to make a donation of a school supply in denominations of 10 (example, 10 boxes of pencils, 10 notebooks) however, any amount is appreciated. Donations can be left in the box in the Post lounge. If there are any teachers in the Auxiliary that need help getting supplies for their students, please let us know.

Congratulations to our 13 young ladies who finished up a week at Girls State in Salisbury. We are excited to meet them and hear about their experiences at our August 10th meeting. We will get to meet them at 6:30 for a lasagna dinner before the 7:00 meeting. This could not have happened without the hard work of Sheryl DeWalt and Merika Smith, who did the leg work of finding the girls, interviewing them, and taking them under their wings before, during, and after the week. Thank you to Nancy Gebicke from our Unit, who volunteered as a senior staff member that week, and many thanks to the SAL for their generous donation in helping us sponsor the last few girls.

We will be helping the USO in Baltimore this year with lunch for our military and their families, restocking the snack pantry and our newest endeavor, the Book Drive. They are asking for gently used and new books for all ages. Books for elementary aged children can be hardcover and softcover, adult books must be softcover for easier traveling. I will be sending out additional information on titles and series they would most enjoy.

Membership cards for 2027 are in! If you would like to renew your membership, you can do so at the Post (ask for Carolyn Monko or Tris Thomas), online at <https://www.legion-aux.org/renew>, by phone (317) 569-4570, or by mail. Renewal notices will be going out in August. Renew by October 1st if you would like to participate in the Early Bird Event.



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



COME JOIN US IN
MAKING CARDS FOR OUR TROOPS

*We make cards to send to the troops so they have cards
to send home to their loved ones*



American Legion Post 60
2 Main Street, Laurel, MD 20707
Saturday, October 3, 2026
12:30 – 2:30pm

Pre-Registration ONLY is FREE
Limited to 30 participants – 16 years and older

Must RSVP by Friday, September 11, 2026
so we can prepare enough supplies for the event:

Theresa Karlson
email: 0911marinemom@gmail.com
or
cell: 240-459-9982 (text or call)

*All materials are supplied for you to make cards.
Making Cards for Our Troops will have full instructions
on how to make cards even if you have never
made cards before.*

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
REMEMBER RESERVATIONS ARE LIMITED.



SAL Squadron 60
Joe Lohman
SQDN 60 Commander



I trust that everyone had a wonderful time celebrating the 250th birthday of our nation.

Starting off with membership, once again we hit an all-time high of 356 members. The 2027 membership cards are in and ready for renewals. If you renew your membership by September 3rd, 2026, you will receive \$5 off the regular member prices of \$25.00. This discount is not offered to dual or junior members. This is your opportunity to take advantage of this offer and save \$5 off your annual dues.

The flag replacement initiative has successfully replaced more than fifteen flags since July 1st, focusing on residences within the community. This program has involved visits to seven different homes to assist in repairing flag-related components, including poles, ropes, and mounting systems. Community members are encouraged to report any flags that appear torn or worn; the squadron will coordinate with the property owners to facilitate the installation of a new flag and ensure the proper retirement of the old one.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended the crab feast, which saw an impressive turnout of 216 participants. The event featured forty bushels of crabs, contributing to a delightful culinary experience. Special thanks are due to our dedicated volunteers, whose efforts were instrumental in the event's success, as well as to Unit 60 for providing the delicious desserts that complemented the meal.



The upcoming Bartenders Challenge is scheduled for August 8th at 3:30 PM, promising an afternoon filled with laughter and thrilling activities. This year features a unique competition where a mother and daughter will face off for the first time. The highlight of the event will be the main match between John 'Deadbird' Davies and Jerry 'Cue Ball' Hudson. Attendees can look forward to new, action-packed games, including Twister and a food-eating contest. Additionally, there will be pull tabs and various games of chance available. For further details, please refer to the flyer included in this newsletter.

The Annual Car & Bike Show will take place on August 9th, from 9 AM to 3 PM, with an entry fee of \$20 per vehicle or bike. Attendees can explore over twenty different vendors and participate in an auction held in an air-conditioned lounge. Additionally, there will be a flag retirement service where individuals can bring their old, worn American flags and receive a new one, subject to availability. This event is family-friendly and free for the public to attend. For further details, please refer to the flyer included in this newsletter.

The Queen of Hearts and game night sponsored by Laurel Squadron 60 are set to resume in September. Also in September, plans are underway for a kickball game aimed at our active-duty veterans. This initiative seeks to engage and honor those who serve, providing an opportunity for camaraderie and physical activity.

Until next month, stay cool in the August heat.

Joe Lohman

Squadron 60 Commander

SONS OF THE
AMERICAN
LEGION



AL Riders
Larry Morrell
Director



The Post 60 Riders were busy last month, capturing plaques from a number of posts. Currently we have seven plaques on the fireplace mantle!
Stop by and check them out, before someone else captures them!



Winey Wednesday
Every Wednesday!
4 pm - Closing

August 2026

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM			The Post 60 Kitchen is Open Every Friday 4:00 to 9 PM			1 Lee Luby Celebration of Life 1:00 pm The Low Keys 7:30 pm
2	3	4 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	5 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm	6 SAL Meeting 7 pm	7 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 C&Y)	8 Bartenders Challenge 3:30 pm
9 SAL Car Show 9 am-3 pm	10 ALA Meeting 7 pm	11 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	12 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm ALR Meeting 7 pm	13 Exec. Committee Meeting 7 pm	14 Gary Brown Solo 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 Color Guard)	15 Wild Grey Hairz 7-10:30 pm
16	17	18 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	19 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm	20 General Assembly Mtg 7:00 pm	21 Reilly Gouliat Band 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	22 Sharon Dukes And The All Star Band 7:30 pm
23	24	25 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	26 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm	27	28 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	29 The Sandra Dean Band 7:30 pm
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Past Commander Lee Luby's Celebration of life on Saturday, August 1st,
will begin at 1:00 PM in Allen Hall . No one will be admitted to the hall after that time.

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6	7 Labor Day Pionie 1-3 pm w/DJ Butch (Post opens at 12 noon)	8 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	9 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Meeting 7 pm	10 Exec. Committee Meeting	11 Groove Quest 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 SAL)	12 ALA Fall Craft Show 10 am-3 pm Heat 7:30 pm
13 NFL Sunday 	14 ALA Members Meeting	15 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	16 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	17 General Assembly Meeting	18 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	19 Rebound 7:30 pm
20 NFL Sunday 	21	22 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	23 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	24	25 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	26 Doug Lester Band 7:30 pm
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★ AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ★



Give ^{to} 10

EDUCATION

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

PICK 10
OF ANY SCHOOL SUPPLY
TO DONATE TO
LOCAL SCHOOLCHILDREN

IDEAS ARE:

- #2 PENCILS
- NOTEBOOKS
- SCISSORS
- SCHOOL GLUE
- BOXES OF TISSUES
- FOLDERS
- CRAYONS

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES
A BIG DIFFERENCE!

ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF
IN THE BIN BY THE LOUNGE.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED
THROUGH **OCTOBER 1ST**

★ ★ AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ★ ★



AUXILIARY UNIT 60

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

FOR
2027



MEMBERSHIP CARDS
ARE HERE FOR **2027!**

RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP BY **OCT. 1ST**
TO GET YOUR
Early Bird Stamp
FOR THE OCTOBER
EARLY BIRD EVENT.



★ DUES ARE \$35.00 ★

★ SEE CAROLYN MONKO OR TRIS THOMAS ★
TO GET YOUR CARD!

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!

★ AMERICAN LEGION ★



POST 60 ALA

CRAB FEAST

★ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH ★

3:30 P.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.



\$75.00
TICKET

BUFFET DINNER
AT 4:00 P.M.

ALL YOU CAN EAT
CRABS
5:00 UNTIL 7:00 P.M.

SODA AND DRAFT BEER INCLUDED

CASH BAR

21+ 21 YEARS AND OLDER

AMERICAN LEGION POST 60
2 MAIN STREET, LAUREL, MD 20707

★ TICKETS AVAILABLE STARTING AUGUST 19TH ★
RESERVATIONS WILL BE HELD FOR ONE WEEK.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE POST OR CONTACT:

carlymon4@gmail.com | laurelpost60.org/event.html
301-641-9007 | 301-725-2302



8TH ANNUAL
Detachment of Maryland
BARTENDERS CHALLENGE

A FRIENDLY COMPETITION
 WITH MULTIPLE CHALLENGES
 THAT PROMISES TO HAVE YOU
BELLY LAUGHING!!

JOHN "DEADBIRD" DAVIES VS. **JERRY "THE CUE BALL" HUDSON**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS
DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND PROGRAMS.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 60 SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH 3:30 PM

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



The American Legion
 Post 60
 Allen Hall

10 August 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: dctyson214@gmail.com
 Cell: (410) 491-5028

AMERICAN LEGION — POST 60 — EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SIGN-UP BINDER

Upcoming Events
 Volunteer Opportunities
 Post Activities

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Please see the Commander,
 1st Vice Commander, or 2nd Vice Commander
 before adding a sign-up sheet to this binder.

American Legion Post 60 Membership Renewal

\$45.00

SEE COMMANDER LOHMAN
 FOR LEGIONNAIRE RENEWALS



Sons of the American Legion, Laurel Post 60

2 Main St., Laurel, MD 20707

Annual Car & Bike Show

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Rain Date, August 16th, 2026

Registration 9:00 am – 12:00 pm...\$20 Day of Show



*****Supporting American Legion Programs*****
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 Event Chairman
Mike Templeton(443) 336-3700

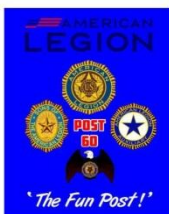
Other Notes/Dates Of Interest

- 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.**
- 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



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	Joe Lohman
1st Vice	Eddie Souder
2nd Vice	Tom Allen
3rd Vice	Ray Torres
Finance	Rob Monko
Chaplain	Tony Scovitch
Sgt-at-Arms	Charlie Turner
Historian	Vacant
Adjutant	Joe Lohman
Parliamentarian	Bob DiPietro
Advisor	John Musgrove

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	Larry Morrell
Asst Director	Bruce Person
Secretary	Christel Lopez-Berryman
Treasurer	Joe Lohman
Sgt-at-Arms	Yan Forrester
Chaplain	Charley Buckley
Safety Officer	Len Busso
Road Captain	Pedro Lopez
Membership	Tracy Butcher
Public Affairs	Renee Behling

The American Legion
Laurel Post 60
2 Main Street
Laurel, Maryland 20707-4304

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Serving
Veterans and
The Community
Since 1932

POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

Commander's Last Shout

** A heartfelt thank you to our Honor Guard, whose presence at Morningside and escort of our Past Commander Lee Luby to Donaldson's was carried out with the dignity and respect she so richly deserved.

** Thank you to Post 60 Chaplain Marty Berman, For his compassionate presence with Lee during her final days, offering comfort, prayer and unwavering support that brought her peace and solace.

** Thank you to all who were able to visit with Lee and give her the smiles and the hugs she so deeply loved and appreciated.

Thank you to all whom offered to help with anything and everything while I was attending to Lee.

Thank you to Joe Lohman for all your help with the CWA 66 Command Picnic. Our active-duty military enjoyed a beautiful day of comradery and fun.

Thank you to Tim Thomas for all your assistance with Lee's service program.

Thank you to Dave Privott for all your help in getting pictures ready for Lee's service.

Thank you to Bernie and Mark for coming in at moments notice to help with the Post.

Thank you to Charlie Turner for being our "go to" guy, for under the stage.

Thank you to our Color Guard, who have been diligently practicing for the upcoming National Competition in Kentucky.

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>