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"The Fun Post"

August 2023



Commander's Message Lee Luby



As usual, the summer is flying by and one more month will bring back school and fall activities. How did it happen? Seems like the warm months go by so quickly and the cold months just drag on, but there's nothing to do about it so we will enjoy this last month of warm weather.

August 4th brings the Birthday of the United States Coast Guard, when in 1790 Congress authorized the building of the first vessels designed to combat and enforce tariffs and taxes. Happy Birthday to our least celebrated United States Force. Thanks for all you have done to protect our country!



August 7th brings Purple Heart Day, when the American Legion families remember and honor men and women who were wounded while serving in U.S. Armed Forces. We salute your bravery and honor while fighting for freedom.

The American Legion World Series takes place August 10th-15th in Shelby, N.C. Eight teams compete for the championship title at Veteran's Field, the permanent home of the series since 2011. Post 60 does not have a team this year, hopefully we will pull a team together next year so that we can compete for the title.

August 14th is V-J Day when the Japanese surrendered to end WWII, leaving the World at peace for a short time, but what a good feeling that was!



Photo Credit: Alfred Eisenstadt



The American Legion National Convention takes place the week of August 25, and JR Hall from Post 40 will take over as National Commander for the Sons of the American Legion. We commend Commander Hall and wish him well during his Year of service to the National SAL.

I would like to say thank you to all the members who stood by me on the stage at The State Convention to receive the Legacy Scholarship Award. What a magnificent feeling it is to know that Post 60 gave \$50,100.00 to assist children of deceased soldiers and those with 50% disability since 9-11! Their educations are paid for by The American Legion. What an honor for us to be the largest contributor in the State of Maryland! Thanks to everyone in all Four Units! Kudos to John Musgrove for allowing us to bring home the Newsletter Trophy for the 13th year in a row! What an enormous honor! The SAL showed off in style this year. It was the second year in a row that they have shown their excellence, and we appreciate it! And we received the award for 100% membership-what an honor!

It was a Convention to be proud of, and my thanks go to all of you. American Legion Post 60 is an outstanding Post that is admired by all other Posts in the State, and we can be proud of all of our accomplishments. My hat is off to all of you! Keep up the good work!



Auxiliary Unit 60 ALA President Nancy Slavinski



August certainly brings in the 'dog days of summer' for all of us as most days are 90 degrees (or close to it). Please take precautions in the sun and heat by finding a cool spot to socialize – it's vacation time!! Not to mention, students getting ready to return to school or college.

The Auxiliary was very busy in July! All of the officers are new, including myself, so we have a lot to learn. A few of us attended the Ocean City ALA convention. The knowledge that I received was amazing. I was a Page for the very first time and enjoyed it immensely. Our poppy hat that we took to convention was a hit. Our Sergeant at Arms, Denise Person, paraded across the stage wearing the hat. Thank you, Denise. We didn't win but we sure had fun, and we were presented with a membership award.

Our 2nd Vice, Catie Stearns, did an impressive charcuterie table for the Department of Maryland American Legion Family leadership homecoming that was held at Post 60 on July 16. Thank you, Catie.

Wine and Craft Night on July 19th saw 16 participants make either a cheery Sunflower Wreath or an Earring Holder. The Auxiliary will offer more fun events during the 2023-2024 year so be on the lookout.



We have a busy August ahead of us as well. Wednesday Game Night continues until September 6th. Featuring Bar Bingo and Pull-Tabs, all proceeds will benefit Auxiliary programs. More information about this, and all of our events, can always be found on the American Legion Post 60 Facebook page calendar and on the Post 60 website (laurelpost60.org).

A few of our Juniors will be helping with the Car Show's silent auction on August 6th. We encourage any Legion Family members with daughters to look into the ALA Juniors program. The Juniors program provides opportunity for them to learn more about the history of the

legion, how to help our military and veterans, socializing with other girls in a positive, helpful environment. It is also a great opportunity for them to receive service hours through their volunteer work. If you have questions, please contact Nancy or Carolyn or go to: https://www.legion-aux.org/juniors.

For the 2023-2024 school year, Laurel Elementary School will be the beneficiary of the Give 10 to Education school supply drive currently underway. Bookmarks with requested supplies can be found in the Lounge along with a collection box. The list includes boxes of crayons, glue sticks, #2 pencils, Spiral notebooks, and more. Please consider donating as the program extends into the school year, but we would like them to get off to a great start! Please help us to help them – they are our future!!

Keep saving your aluminum pull-tabs/pop-tops from food and beverage cans. We are saving them to benefit the Ronald McDonald House for sick children and their families. There is a container in the Lounge to put them into or you can leave any that you have bagged next to the container on the ledge.

The Unit is looking for volunteers to run the 50/50 on the first and fourth Fridays of the month. You can sign up to do just one or several. The first Friday of each month is 50/50 for ALA Unit programs and the fourth Friday is an ALA basket raffle. Sign up with a friend and make an evening of it. Look for the sign-up sheet at the kiosk in the Lounge.

Please don't forget that our meetings have been moved to the second Tuesday of the month, and our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8th at 7PM. We will have a light dinner available at 6:30 PM, we hope you will come a little early and join us for a bite to eat with some social time.

You can now renew your 2024 membership online or call:

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

Questions? carlymon4@gmail.com (Carolyn Monko)

<u>From our Chaplain</u>: Prayer requests can be sent to: Unit60Chaplain@gmail.com./



SAL Squadron 60



Greetings,

By the time you read this the squadron will have completed the first of many events for the new year. Our annual crab feast was held on the 29th. We had over 254 guests gorging on crabs, pulled pork and chicken with everyone having an extremely fun time. Chairmen Dave Tyson and I extend our thanks to all SAL and Post 60 family members who volunteered to make this event a great success. We could not have accomplished this without your help! All funds raised from this event will continue to make Squadron 60 the best squadron in the state when it comes to supporting our American Legion programs, veterans and local community. August is Car Show month and September kicks-off the "Hunt for the Oueen of Hearts."

To our members:

The 2024 membership cards have arrived, and our membership drive is in full swing. We once again are offering a discounted rate of \$20 to renew before our September meeting on Thursday, September 7th. After that date dues are \$25, but don't think of it as dues, instead think of it as "Donating to and being a member of the greatest Veterans Organization in the world." If you wish to pay online visit mylegion.org to set up your account. (Our "Early-Bird" discount won't apply but be assured, the National Organization will make good use of the money.)

Lastly and most importantly, please consider signing up to volunteer and help for any of the events we sponsor. Please know volunteering for an event does not commit you to every event we do. We just would like to see some "new" faces occasionally to help-out. Thank you for considering.

For God and Country, Squadron Commander Monko

CAR SHOW DRAG RACES

Six lanes of rubber-burning Hot Wheels racers. Free Hot Wheel to drivers, ages 3-12. Bring the kids and the grand-kids and let them race between 12:00-1:30 PM in the air-conditioned Allen Hall

SUNDAY...SUNDAY...
POST 60 DRAG'O'WAY...
BE THERE!!!



Sons of the American Legion, Laurel, Post 60 2 Main St., Laurel, MD 20707 Annual Car & Bike Show

Sunday, August 6, 2023...From 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Registration 9:00 am - 12:00 pm...\$20.00 Day of Show

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Post 60 Entertainment Josie Lohman, 2nd Vice Commander



In the heat of the summer there are two things you can count on at Post 60, great entertainment and ice-cold drinks. Although most people are enjoying vacations and lazy days at home, your favorite gathering place still awaits you.

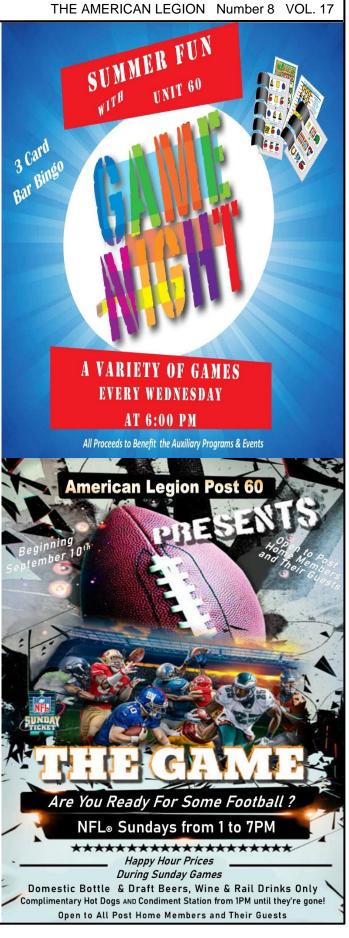
We had a great turnout for the 4th of July with plenty of food for all to enjoy. You can always count on our members to bring their best for a potluck. Food and friends that's what it's all about at Post 60. Thank you to all the volunteers who stepped up to help and ensure that the event was a success.

August 6th is the SAL car show. Always a great time and an opportunity to see some one of a kind classic cars. Food and drinks will be available for purchase as well as raffles for great prizes. Come and join the fun and enjoy the day with us, I hope to see you there!

Be sure to check out the calendar, some of your favorite bands are playing on Friday and Saturday nights. I wouldn't want you to miss out on an opportunity for a fun night, grab some of your friends and come on in!

LET'S PARTYI







Joe's Journey





Commander Lohman

I am pleased, honored, and humbled to serve as your Detachment Commander for the 2023-2024 administration. First, I want to thank my wife Josie for her dedication and commitment to ensuring that this dream became a reality. I want to thank my Post 60 family for their overwhelming support of this campaign, this includes Commander Luby for installing me as Detachment Commander, the Post 60 Color Guard; Unit 60 for which I am a proud 4-year member and ALR 60 in which I have been a support member for approximately 1 ½ years. Yes, of course I must say a special thanks to Laurel Squadron 60 for their support and dedication towards this campaign.



Post 60 Laurel Commander Lee Luby swears Joe Lohman in as 2023-2024 Commander, Detachment of MD.

My theme this year is "Sons Building a Stronger Community." Our children are our future, and we need to ensure they have a solid background and the support needed to be vital citizens in this country.

My project this year is something near and dear to my heart. My goal is to build a much-needed Pavilion at the only youth camp in Maryland operated by the American Legion Department of Maryland. With the increasing demand on already limited resources at the camp, the pavilion will allow for the facility to hold multiple events and fundraisers to increase revenue which will offset repair costs due to an aging infrastructure. The camp has had to turn down many rentals over the years due to limited space.

As you can imagine, this position comes with some travel. Since installation on June 25th, I attended a SAL SMR convention recap meeting in Greenbelt, supported fundraisers at ALR 82 in LaPlata and Squadron 86 in Rockville. I was honored to install Squadron 11 in Frederick and Squadron 66 in Bowie. I attended the Department of Maryland Convention where once again Squadron 60 received District 6 best squadron and the Post 60 family won the Gold Star run competition with donations of more than \$50k to the children of our fallen heroes. Our own ALR 60 escorted me in the Laurel 4th of July parade and we had our department leader's homecoming in our own back yard at Post 60.

Once again, I want to thank everyone for your support and entrusting me as your Detachment Commander. I ask the incoming officers at Post 60 for the 2024 administration year to have fun and enjoy your year in office; to remember our overall mission and support the four pillars of the American Legion under community, state, and nation. But more important, as your journey begins, continue to strive, and work together to make this the best year of all time at Laurel Post 60.

Joe Lohman Commander, Detachment of Maryland





August 2023

The American Legion Laurel P	ost	60
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Monday	y Hour - Friday 7 PM	1 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	Winey Wednesday 4 pm Game Night 6:00 pm	SAL Meeting 7 pm	4 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 C&Y)	5 Greater Image 7:30 pm	
CAR & BIKE SHOW 9:00-3:00 PM	7 Color Guard Mtg. 6:30-8:00 pm	8 ALA Members Meeting 7 pm Tuesday Night	⁹ Winey Wednesday 4 pm ALR Meeting 7 pm	10 Exec. Committee Meeting	11 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 SAL)	Mars Rodeo 7:30 pm	
		Darts 7 pm	Game Night 6:00 pm				
13	14	Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	Winey Wednesday 4 pm Game Night 6:00 pm	General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	18Acoustic Cafe 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	Gary & the Groove 7:30 pm	
20	21	Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	23 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Game Night 6:00 pm	24	25 Lost & Found 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	Crush 7:30 pm	
27	28	Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	30 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Game Night 6:00 pm	31	Post 60 Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM		

September 2023

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Hour Post 60 Kitchen is Open Monday - Friday Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM				The Groove Quest 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 C&Y)	Impulse 7:30 pm	
3	4 Post 60 Labor Day Picnic 1-3pm w/DJ Butch	5 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	6 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	7 SAL Meeting 7 pm	8 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 SAL)	Out of Order 7:30 pm
NFL Sunday 1-7 pm	11	12 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm ALA Members Meeting 7 pm	13 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Meeting 7 pm	14 Exec. Committee Meeting	15 Amy Andy 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	DJ Butch 7:30 pm
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July 16th

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Fun Post,

Event



Aux Dept President-Joanne Weis Joe Lohman-SAL Det Commander Ruth A. Higgins, Dept. Commander





Some of the amazing catering done by Unit 60 ALA member Catie Stearns!





4th of July "Fun Post" Picnic















Photo credits: Josie Lohman, Dick Harding



July 29th, 2023 SAL Crab Feast at "The Fun Post"















Photo credits: Josie Lohman, David Privott



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- 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.

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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.









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Commander's Last Shout

Thanks to Ray Torres for cooking the DELICIOUS pork dinner at the Post on June 20, 2023, and for raising money for our MCVET picnic in September.

Thanks to Tom Wiley for his donation to the Post from his 6/26 \$25 pool win.

Thanks to the SAL for their wonderful 50th Anniversary at Hunt Valley, PA. Everyone had a fantastic time, and Post 60 had the largest number of delegates present. Congratulations to our SAL Unit for bringing home a huge number of awards and certificates. And thanks to the SAL for giving me the amazing Quilt of Valor at Joe Lohman's swearing in ceremony. I appreciate him giving me his special time, and for making me feel so important. I will value it forever.

Thanks to all the Post 60 members who made the New Department Leader's party a huge success at our Post on July 17th. A special thanks to Catie Stearns who made the Charcuterie Board a grand, delicious and amazing surprise!

Thanks to all of the Post Units who contributed money so that Post 60 could win the American Legion Legacy Award. It felt amazing for all of the members to walk up onto the stage at the Legion convention to be presented the award by Joe Gladden, the leader of the ALR program.

Thanks to all of the members of Post 60 who worked so hard during the year to enable Post 60 to receive so many awards at the Legion Convention. They are proudly displayed in the lounge for all to see.

Thanks to John Musgrove for all of his hard work that won Post 60 the Newsletter of the Year Award for the 13th year in a row. What an incredible achievement by an even more incredible Editor!!!!

Thanks to the Director of the ALR, the Commander of the SAL, and the President of the ALA for showing such amazing new ideas for leading the Units this year. All three are new and show great talent for a new year filled with promise of great things to come.

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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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 Tuesday (Beginning in August)

SAL Squadron 60

7:00 pm First Thursday

American Legion Riders

7:00 pm Second Wednesday

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