





Thanksgiving is behind us (and we ate plenty).

Seasons Greetings to all,
we hope your holidays are joyous with lots of
merriment and fun!! New Year's Eve is next up so
get ready!!!

A **BASKET OF CHEER** was unveiled on Black Friday, November 24th. The drawing will be held on December 22nd. What better way to be ready for the holidays or stock up for gift giving to family and friends. Be on the lookout for the basket and list of contents as it has all high-end liquor — you may be quite surprised!! The basket will be in the lounge, stop by and check it out!! Lucy Haggerty won our recent SPA Basket raffle—congrats, Lucy!!

Also, in the lounge you will find the Auxiliary Poppy Table. It is a "Giving Tree" with ornaments that you can take and fulfill a wish from one of several organizations that we are partnering with for the Holiday Season. These include Laurel Elementary School Supplies, Backpacks of Love for Foster Children, and Peace on the Patuxent, a respite center for Women with cancer.

Holiday cards will be delivered to local nursing homes and Charlotte Hall.

December brings parties and the best one will be our annual Children's Holiday Party-mark your calendars for December 16th from 1-3 PM.

The Queen of Hearts is going great guns on Wednesday evenings. The food selection is great, and we are getting rave reviews on the variety of offerings coming out of the Post 60 ALA kitchen.

We continue to collect Pull Tabs from cans of any sort so help us assist the Ronald McDonald House. The school supply drive continues with a box in the Lounge for Give 10 to Education for the Laurel Elementary School.

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** Total members paid to date for FY 2024 are 71% of goal.

- 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



# ALA Unit 60 Giving Tree

In the Spirit of Giving, please take a red card or cards from the tree on the Poppy Table to fulfill this holiday season.

3 Charities are represented on the tree:

Blue Ribbon Project/ Backpacks of Love Peace on Patuxent Give 10 to Education

Donations can be dropped into the box under the Poppy Table. Cash or Checks (made payable to ALA Unit 60) can be given to Nancy Slavinski or Carolyn Monko. Please note to which charity you are donating.





#### SAL Squadron 60 Commander Rob Monko



Greetings members of the SAL,

Well, the past six months have been very busy for the SAL. We have completed a couple fundraisers (Crab Feast and Car Show) and have two which are ongoing. One on Wednesday nights (Queen of Hearts (QoH)) and the other on every other Friday night, the legendary SAL Kitchen.

I am happy to report that our membership at November's Squadron meeting approved donations totaling \$8,850 that were presented at the Fall Detachment Executive Committee (DEC) meeting under the following categories and respective recipients:

<u>Americanism:</u> Boys State, Girls State, and Scouts <u>Children and Youth:</u> Child Welfare Fund, Children's Miracle Network, Ronald McDonald House, USMC Toys for Tots, and LARS Toys for Tots

<u>Veteran Affairs:</u> National Emergency Fund, Charlotte Hall Bingo, National Veterans Assistance, Heroes Haven, Comfort Warrior and USO Turkeys for The Troops (complete Thanksgiving meals for families of our active-duty).

Shout outs to the following chairs who run these fund raisers for the SAL: Dave Tyson (Crab Feast), Mike Templeton (Car Show) and Eddie Souder (QoH) and a very special thanks to all those who volunteer and support these leaders and their projects.

In this spirit of giving please remember those in need this holiday season, especially within our Post 60 family.

And to all: **BE THE ONE**. Ask the veterans in your life how they are doing; Listen when a veteran needs to talk; and most importantly, Reach Out when they are struggling.

Hope you all have a blessed holiday season and God Bless America!

For God and Country! SAL Commander Monko







1:00pm

Judging will begin at 1:30pm

football
games
@ 1:00 pm
and
eat Chili!
(Chili served
after judging
is complete)

Watch the

The fun continues with games at 4, 4:25 & 8:15 pm

Happy Hour Prices from 1 to 7pm

(Domestic Bottle & Draft Beers, Wine & Rail Drinks Only)



#### **ALR 60 Director** Lenny Francioni



Happy Holidays from the ALR Chapter.

We sincerely want to thank all who helped with and came out for the rocking tribute show we hosted last month at Post 60. Here are a few pix from the great night, and there are more on page 8. You will find a great group picture at the bottom of this page of all the Veterans that attended the show!

Ride safe and Happy New Year!









#### Post 60 Entertainment Josie Lohman 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander



For me, December is about gratitude. Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It not only has the ability to turn what we have into enough, but it can do so much more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, and confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, and a stranger into a friend. To me, this is our Legion Family at Post 60!

There are always plenty of opportunities for you to celebrate the wonder of gratitude with your Post family. On Sunday's we have football, and plenty of food to savor along with it. Thank you, Ralph, for bringing meatballs, and Ray for his wonderful pupusas. We are always grateful for these unexpected treats. Monday, enjoy football with your favorite bartender Diane, always a great time! Tuesday is dart league night, all are welcome to join in, and behind the bar is Sassy Sandy. Wednesday night is all about the Queen; will she elude us for another week? There is only one way to find out, and the kitchen is open for your dining pleasure too. Thursday is usually a meeting night, except this month, no meetings the month of December! Friday our BINGO crew will entertain you in the hall, and if that's not your thing, there is also an acoustic band in the lounge, plus the kitchen is open with a great variety of food each week. On Saturday we kick it up a notch; there is always a great band so that you can dance the night away!

Our annual Chili cook off is on December 17. We will be judging spicy and mild, whichever your specialty is, don't forget to sign up at the kiosk by December 10 to enter the contest.

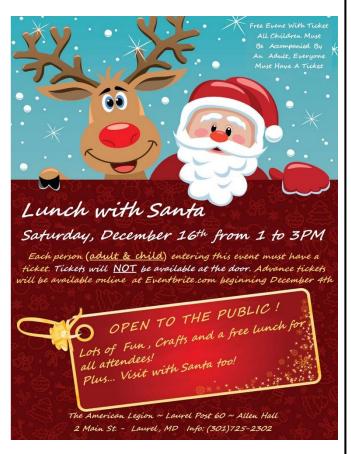
The annual Christmas Eve social on December 24 is once again a potluck event. Everyone is welcome to bring your favorite dish to share and join us. This signup sheet is also available at the kiosk.

# POST 60 IS CLOSED DECEMBER 25th, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

On December 31st, the New Year's Eve Party will be in the hall. CRUSH, one of our favorite bands, will be performing. There will be a minimal entrance fee of \$10 with a cash bar, party favors, and from 8-9 PM there will be finger foods available. Party and dance the night away with friends and family, then Ring in the New Year with complimentary champagne for all at Midnight!

The Superbowl is not far off, and we only have seven \$100 squares left on our second pool. Please pay off your squares as soon as possible so we can get the numbers drawn. I also have a \$50 Super Bowl pool (a fundraiser for the SAL Detachment Commander's Project) available for purchase.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!** 





Sons of The American Legion
Detachment Commander's Project
DRAW DOWN

Saturday, March 2, 2024 3pm.-7pm.

DON'T GET LEFT BEHIND! GET ON THAT BUS! 920 Principio Furnace Rd, Perryville MD \$50 admits 2! Dinner, draft beer & limited open bar. Horse Races, Draw Down, Wheel, Cake,& Silent Auction. 50/50,

Perryville Firehouse

Multiple chances to win during the Draw Down!

Pull Tabs, Etc.

Transportation will be provided! Bus leaves Post 60 @ 2pm and returns @ 8pm. Please see Joe Lohman for tickets and sign up for the bus.



# Joe's Journey Joe Lohman SAL Detachment of MD



I want to start off by thanking all veterans for their support in defending our country. I had the opportunity to attend a Veterans Day service at Frederick Memorial Park on November 11th, 2023, and was fortunate enough to meet several veterans from Ft. Detrick. Although it was somewhat chilly outside, the 45-minute event was over the top with several guest speakers and dignitaries throughout Frederick County and Maryland.

My traveling continues as the Caravan Team visited five American Legion Posts in Southern Maryland the weekend of October 21st, (Prince Frederick, Hughesville, Ridge, Lusby, and Chesapeake Beach). The team was welcomed with open arms at each post along with tours of their facilities. We had some extra time and decided to visit the VFW in Lexington Park. November was just as busy, with us visiting several posts in Baltimore County.

We are beginning to see multiple donations and fundraising events throughout the state for my Commander's Project to build a pavilion at the Southern Maryland Youth Camp.

I want to thank the entire Post 60 family for their support of the SAL SMR Drawdown on October 28th at Laurel Post 60. We raised \$6,000 for my project, and we hit an all-time high profit for this event.

I also want to thank Squadron 116 in Reisterstown for their Bull & Oyster event to raise funds for my project. The event was sold out and featured great food and music.

The next big fundraiser supporting my project will be the Detachment Drawdown that will be hosted by Squadron 135 in Perryville. The event is on March 2nd, 2024, from 3-7 PM at the Perryville Firehouse. Tickets are \$50 (admits two) and the event will be featuring horse races, money wheel, cake wheel, silent auction, pull tabs and more! The ticket also includes dinner and a limited open bar. Please see Mike Obremski or me for tickets.

Also, we have approximately 18 squares left in our Super Bowl Pool that supports my project. You can see me or Josie Lohman for details if you are interested in purchasing a square for the fundraiser.

Squadron 136 in Greenbelt is raffling off a Solo Stove and it includes a \$100 gift card. Half of the proceeds will benefit my Commander's Project, and the other half benefits our Jr. Commander's Project. I have tickets if anyone is interested.

With the holiday season fast approaching us, take some time to visit a veteran. A few minutes of your time may brighten their day. I hope you have a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to continuing our mission to support our veterans and community in 2024.

Thank you again for all your support,

Joe Lohman Commander Detachment of Maryland









# December 2023

#### **The American Legion Laurel Post 60**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Monda	py Hour ay - Friday o 7 PM	Post Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM			1 The Reilly Goualt Band 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	Jerry and The Heartacher 7:30 pm
3 NFL Sunday 1-7pm	4	5 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	6 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5 pm QoH Drawing at 7:15 pm	7 NO SAL Meeting	8 The Groove Quest 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	9 This Your Monkey? 7:30 pm
NFL Sunday 1-7pm	11	12 NO ALA Meeting Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	13 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5 pm QoH Drawing at 7:15 pm ALR-Tampico Grill 7 pm	NO Executive Committee	Escape Goat 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	Out of Order 7:30 pm
17 Chili Cookoff 1:00 pm NFL Sunday 1-7pm	18	Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	20 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5 pm QoH Drawing at 7:15 pm	NO General Assembly	The Jamesons 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	Wild Grey Hair 7:30 pm
24 NFL Sunday 1-7pm Christmas Eve Get Together 1-7pm	25 CHRISTMAS Post Closed	26 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	27Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	28	29 Masser, Schneider & Tilkens 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 Bingo)	30 DJ Butch 7:30 pm
31 Crush* 7:30 pm	* See the flyer on pa regarding this New		2 W//	00	WA	1

# January 2024

## **The American Legion Laurel Post 60**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	New Year's Day Post Opens@1200	Tuesday Night Darts 7pm	3 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	SAL Meeting 7 pm	5 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	6 Honky Tonk Casanowas 7:30 pm
7 NFL Sunday 1-7pm	8 Color Guard Meeting 6:30 pm	<sup>9</sup> Tuesday Night Darts 7pm ALA Mtg 7 pm	10Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	Post Closed for Renovations Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm	12 Mike, Deb & Bob 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	Greater Image 7:30 pm
NFL Playoffs	15	16 Tuesday Night Darts 7pm	17 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	18 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	Out of Order 7:30 pm
NFL Playoffs	22	23 Tuesday Night Darts 7pm	24 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	25	26 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	Larry Roberts Band 7:30 pm
28 NFL Playoffs	29	Tuesday Night	31 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts	Happy Hour Monday - Friday		

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



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

1ST & 3RD (& 5TH) FRIDAY

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Where Something Good Is Always Cooking By Squadron 60

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY

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BINGO STARTS AT 7:30 OPEN TO THE

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Food & Snacks Available for Purchase

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## American Legion Post 60 Presents

NEW YEARS 2024 CELEBRATION

> **CRUSH** Party Rock Band

Admission \$10 per person

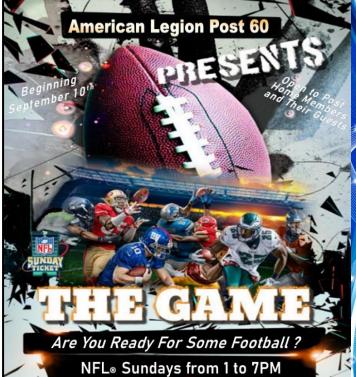


Admission \$10 per

> December 31st, 2023 8PM to 1AM 🎖 Hall Event - Open to all Post Home 🗵 Members and their Guests

Cash Bar, Snacks, Party Favors, and Finger Foods from 8 to 9pm, Complimentary Champagne at Midnight

2 Main St. Laurel MD 301-725-2302



Happy Hour Prices **During Sunday Games** 

Domestic Bottle & Draft Beers, Wine & Rail Drinks Only

Complimentary Hot Dogs AND Condiment Station from 1PM until they're gone!

Open to All Post Home Members and Their Guests





LEGION AUXILIARY

## Renew your 2024 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



ESCORTED TOUR - NORMANDY, PARIS, LOIRE VALLEY 11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS





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 <u>allabroadjourneys@gmail.com</u> 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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/







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**Ongoing Community** 

**Outreach Programs** 



## Post 60 T-Shirts

With The New American Legion Logo!



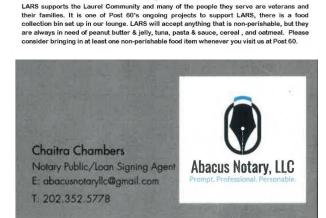




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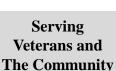
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#### **Commander's Last Shout**

Thank you, God, for giving me back my life and for allowing me to continue to command one of the most successful Legion Posts in the state - American Legion Post 60. I am eternally grateful.

Thank you to all of the Veterans who celebrated Veterans Day at our Post. Thank you for your service to our country and for allowing us to live without fear each day that we have.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that prepared our Thanksgiving dinner at the Post. With all of the great help, the dinner was delicious!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the much-needed blood drive at our Post on November 20th. Much fear is still felt because of COVID but be assured that our Red Cross Team always makes everything 100% safe for you to give your much-needed gift of life.

Thanks to DJ Butch for all of his great music. Good luck to him as he has his back surgery and recovers to return to our lounge events. We miss him so much!

Thanks to everyone who has participated in the Children's Christmas Toy Drive for LARS and Ft. Meade. The boxes in the lounge are filling up with your donations. Let's make it possible that all the less-fortunate children in Laurel will have a wonderful Christmas on Post 60!!

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

#### **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

SAL Squadron 60 7:00 pm First Thursday

**American Legion Riders** 7:00 pm Second Wednesday



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