



The American Legion



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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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December 2025



Josie Lohman
Commander, AL Post 60



Words like pride, appreciation, and dedication truly capture the spirit of Post 60. While some might think we're simply a place for people to gather and enjoy themselves, the reality is that our many volunteers and members work tirelessly behind the scenes to support our veterans, their families, and the wider community. Thanks to your participation, donations, and valued volunteer hours, we've been able to accomplish so much. As an American Legion family, we have provided thousands of dollars in aid to those who need it most, no matter their financial situation or the state of the world.

One remarkable example is what the Post 60 family achieved on Veteran's Day. Rather than simply opening our doors and offering veterans a light lunch and some camaraderie, our Post 60 family decided to brave the cold, blustery weather and venture out into the community. We partnered with Mission BBQ to recognize and thank every veteran who came through their doors that day. Representatives from all four units of our Post 60 family were present, and many veterans had the chance to sit, talk, and reflect. It was truly an inspiring sight.

On November 18th, MD Department Commander Nikki Randolph, ALA 60 Chaplain Barbara Rhodes, and I had the honor of visiting the USO at BWI. We served an early Thanksgiving meal for military personnel getting ready to deploy. It was genuinely a privilege to offer them just a small piece of this American tradition to carry in their hearts.

We invite you to donate a new, unwrapped toy for our Fill-a-Truck program. Thanks to the generosity of our SAL and the Legion, we have already been able to purchase several toys, and your continued support is greatly appreciated. Additionally, your donations enabled us to provide LARS with \$2,000 worth of food!

I feel truly fortunate to have the support of our American Legion executive committee. These dedicated individuals generously set aside time from their busy lives to make well-informed decisions for our group. I am grateful for a team that is innovative, thoughtful, and unafraid to express their opinions. Achieving what our post family needs isn't something one person can do alone—it requires a strong, collaborative team working together. This along with our many wonderful volunteers keeps us strong and helps us achieve our ultimate goal of being able to support the many American Legion Programs.

Let us always appreciate what we have, cherish the moments we share, and remember the purpose behind our gatherings. Wishing everyone a joyful holiday season—spend it with loved ones, enjoy an extra hug, savor another helping of pie, and dance to your heart's content!



Lee Luby
1st Vice Commander



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone! Our membership is right on schedule at 65.180% and we are on our way to another successful year. Post 60 realizes that the holiday season is filled with monetary obligations and that the lengthy government shutdown has made it difficult for many to meet their bills. We are proud of the number of members who have shown their dedication by renewing their membership and know that we will keep it up so that we will reach 100% by May. Remember that your white door pass will become ineffective in January if your dues are not paid by the end of December.

May the New Year bring you joy and all of the things that you have been wishing for, and may you remain in good health!





Post 60 Entertainment
Tim Thomas
 2nd Vice Commander



Wow, the end of 2025 is upon us just like that! I hope everyone is ready for the busy holiday season because we have some great events planned to add to your already hectic schedule. We hope to see everyone at Post 60 taking a little time to relax and enjoy themselves.

To start with, the Queen of Hearts is in full swing every Wednesday night. It is always a good time to come in and play games of chance, catch up with fellow members, and to see if the Queen is ready to show her lovely face. Squadron 60 does a great job keeping everyone entertained. With Eddie on the microphone, you are sure to be well informed, plus you might just pick up a little extra cash for the holidays!

Our annual Christmas Eve Potluck is on the 24th. We will start the party at 1pm and continue until Post 60 closes at 7pm. Please bring your favorite covered dish or dessert for all to enjoy. Be sure to wear your most "festive" holiday sweater with pride and strut your holiday spirit around the Post. The winners of our Ugly Sweater Contest will be determined around 3pm. First and second place winners will be decided by our members and guests, with cash prizes for both! Then we take it up a notch - Stealing Secret Santa! If you plan on participating, please bring a wrapped gift with a value of ~\$20, a ticket will be given to everyone that brings a gift. The rules will be explained before the exchange. To top it off - DJ Butch will be entertaining you with your favorite holiday songs. The sign-up sheet for the potluck is at the Event Kiosk.

Out of Order and Friends will entertain you into 2026 for our New Year's Eve Party. We will have a Cash Bar, where Bernie will be happy to serve your favorite beverage, finger foods (1st hour) and party favors will be available, with a champagne toast at midnight! If you feel like dressing up – the theme this year will be America 250. Tickets are now on sale for \$25 per couple or \$15 for a single person. Please see the Bartender, Commander Lohman, Tris or me for tickets. If you happen to be wandering around trying to figure out what to do on NYE, come on in - because you can pay at the door as well.

Thank you to all the volunteers for your support. Post 60 continues to be one of the top Posts in the state and sets the example for others to follow. Without our volunteers' events like the ones we had in November would not be possible. We started off on the 1st with Trunk-or-Treating and Kickball Under the Lights. The turnout was great! Lots of candy was handed out and Kickball Players, young and older, had a blast on the field.

On the 8th our Post 60 Color Guard was invited to Present the Colors before the beginning of the Veterans Day Celebration Races at Laurel Racetrack. As always, they represented Post 60 and all American Legion posts extremely well.



Laurel Park, 8 NOV 2025

The Bingo Crew put on yet another HUGELY SUCCESSFUL Purse Bingo on the 9th, thank you to all the volunteers that made this happen! Tris and I tried something new for us on the 16th, we did a 9am breakfast for the Commanders game.

Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the morning with us. A special thanks to John, Lesley and Denise who kept everything moving.

Last but not least, thank you to everyone who made turkeys and ham for the Thanksgiving Dinner. Our members brought a lot of great food for everyone to enjoy.

Wherever you are and whoever you are with, have a safe and blessed holiday season

Seasons Greetings





Auxiliary Unit 60 Carolyn Monko ALA President



The Holiday season is in full swing with Thanksgiving behind us and the joy of Christmas and Hannukah to look forward to this month. Happy Wishes to those who celebrate a different holiday!

November was a very busy month with the Auxiliary doing what they do best and that is getting the message out about our appreciation for our Veterans and Active-Duty Military.

The poppies were practically flying out of the Post from all the volunteers who helped to distribute them. We are very proud of the impact made by these volunteers who helped to educate the public (and military) on the meaning of the Poppy and the story of Flanders Field. Thank you to Lorie Smallet for presenting to the Daughters of the American Revolution and for handing out Poppies and bracelets at the USO in Baltimore with her husband, Walter. Barbara Rhodes not only held a beautiful and heartfelt presentation at her church with participation from the congregation, but she also visited a nursing home to bring the power of the Poppy and its message to the residents. Our Poppy Committee, Nancy Gebicke, Peggy Purcell, JoAnn Woltz, and others participated in the Veterans Day ceremony at Mission BBQ. They brought their beautiful and informative display and handed out Poppies, Bookmarks, Coloring Books, and American Flag pins. Thank you to Sandy Stoner for providing her craftsmanship and generosity on the pins! If you have not visited the Poppy table in the Lounge, please do so. The committee has been hard at work keeping it full of information, bracelets, and, of course, Poppies!

The weekend of November 1st was the State of Maryland Auxiliary conference in Ocean City. Our crafty club ladies, led by Denise Person and Nancy Gebicke, did a wonderful job selling their Kumihimo and Paracord bracelets to benefit the Maryland President's Project of Girls State. On top of the Units \$1,000 donation to Kyrese's project, the Ladies presented her with \$500.00 from their sales that weekend. A great achievement and a lot of hard work from these ladies! If you are interested in helping, learning how to make your own bracelets, or just bringing your own crafting/needlework and hanging out with the group, they get together on Tuesday nights in the lounge.

If you weren't there for the Redskins/Commanders game and the breakfast served, you missed out on a great meal. Tris and Tim Thomas did a fabulous job with help from Lesley and John Brinton. The food was delicious and plentiful; the only disappointment was the score of the game.

There is no Auxiliary meeting in December, but we do have the Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, the 14th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The kids will get lunch with Santa, games, and crafts. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge if you would like to help out. Don't miss out on your personal holiday photo with Santa or the Grinch.

Please keep saving those pull tabs/can pop tops for the USO. There is a container in the Lounge for them right by the boxes for donations to the toy drive! Don't forget to donate to give a child a smile this season. Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Free Event *
All Children Must
Be Accompanied By An Adult



Lunch with Santa
Sunday, December 14th from 1 to 3 PM

LUNCH LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 ATTENDEES

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Lots of Fun, Crafts, Games and a Free Lunch for all Children!

Plus ... visit with Santa too!

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**AMERICAN
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AUXILIARY



Squadron 60 Eddie Souder SAL Commander



Holiday greetings to all. Squadron 60 and the entire Post 60 family are as busy as Santa's Elves, all year long. So, if you're the kind of member who wants to get involved, you don't have to wait to be asked, just show up and jump in. However, one of the problems we see is communication. If you're reading this, of course, this doesn't apply to you. But too many of our members don't find out about happenings until after they happen.

So, Start Spreading the News, Share the Posts, Gossip, whatever it takes to let people know what we're up to! And don't stop with just one source.

Following recent tradition, the membership voted to skip the SAL December General Meeting, but the Executive Committee will meet for a work session on December 6th. January's meeting falls on New Year's Day, so the body elected to push that one week to January 8th.

2025 membership cards will expire December 31st, 2025!

See Ya At The Post!

LAUREL'S 11TH ANNUAL FILL-A-TRUCK

Benefitting AMVETS and the Children of Laurel, MD

ACCEPTING MONETARY/ GIFT CARD DONATIONS, NEW CLOTHING (ALL SIZES), NEW TOYS AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 20TH AT

LVRS, 14910 BOWIE RD. LVFD, 7411 CHERRY LANE

For More Information, Call Clyde Williams, LVRS: 301-346-1839 or clydelvrs49@aol.com

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American Legion Post 60

Christmas Eve Potluck/Party

**December 24th
1pm- 7pm (Post Closes)**

Bring a covered dish or dessert for all to enjoy!!

@3pm will have an Ugly Sweater Contest. Prizes for 1st and 2nd place. Judged by audience.

Followed by a Stealing Secret Santa. Bring a wrapped gift of a value around \$20 to participate.

Sign up at Event Kiosk.

Open to Post 60 Members and their guest.

American Legion Post 60

New Years Eve Celebration

AMERICA 250

Live Music by

Out of Order and Friends

- 7:30pm - 1am \$15 for single \$25 per couple
- Tickets go on sale Nov 15 or pay at door.
- Finger Foods 8pm - 9pm
- Cash Bar
- Midnight Champagne Toast

OPEN TO ALL LEGION MEMBERS AND THEIR GUEST

Winey Wednesday
Every WEDNESDAY
4 pm - Closing

December 2025



The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  NO ALA Meeting	2 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	3 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	4 NO SAL Meeting	5 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	6 Gary and the Groove 7:30 pm City of Laurel Holiday Parade 3:45pm
7 NFL Sunday 1-7pm Pearl Harbor 1941	8 NO ALA Meeting	9 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	10 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Mtg 7 pm Tampico Grill	11 NO Executive Committee Meeting	12 Lost and Found 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	13 Sharon Dukes and The All-Star Band 7:30 pm
14 Children's Christmas Party 1-3pm NFL Sunday 1-7pm	15	16 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	17 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	18 NO General Assembly Meeting	19 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	20 Wild Grey Hairz 7:30 pm Christmas Fill-A-Truck ends
21  NFL Sunday 1-7pm	22	23 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	24 Post 60 Christmas Party 1-7pm NO Queen of Hearts	25 CHRISTMAS POST CLOSED	26 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	27 Honky Tonk Casanovas 7:30 pm
28 NFL Sunday 1-7pm 	29 	30 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	31 New Year's Eve Party 7:30pm-1:30am	Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM		

**P&G Catering Every Friday in the Kitchen 5:30
to 9 PM**



January 2026

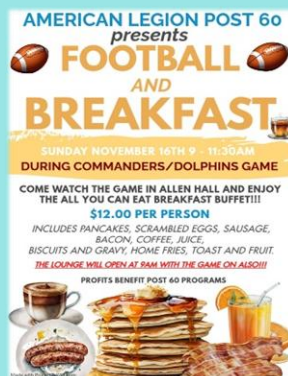
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	Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM				1	2 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 C&Y)
4	5	6 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	7 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	8 SAL Meeting 7 pm Exec. Committee Meeting 7 pm	9 Joint Venture 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 SAL)	10 HEAT 7:30 pm
11	12 ALA Member's Meeting 7pm	13 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	14 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Meeting 7pm	15 General Assembly Elections/Meeting 7 pm	16 Amy and Andy 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	17 The Low Keys 7:30 pm
18	19	20 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	21 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	22	23 Island Breeze 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	24 The Greydog Band 7:30 pm
25 	26	27 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	28 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	29	30 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 Bingo)	31 Different Sisters 7:30 pm

**Post 60 Kitchen is Open
Every Friday 5:30 to 9 PM**

Post 60 Hosts The Commanders in Spain Pancake Breakfast



Thelma and Louise Shopping for L.A.R.S



Post 60 Celebrates Veterans Day at the Laurel Mission BBQ



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.**

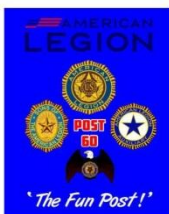
- Please join us on our Facebook page, *American Legion -Laurel Post 60* for Post 60 website links, newsletters, entertainment and activities that are posted on the page.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/364213691671/>



Post 60 T-Shirts

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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	Eddie Souder
1st Vice	Vacant
2nd Vice	Rob Monko
3rd 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	Vacant
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
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American Legion Post 60 presents

5th Bi-Annual Spring Craft & Vendor Show

March 14, 2026
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
American Legion Post 60 Hall
2 Main Street, Laurel, MD

\$40.00 for an 8' table & 2 chairs
Contact: Penny Garrett at:
FallCraftFairUnit60@gmail.com
for more information

A vertical arrangement of various tulips and flowers, including red and white striped tulips and small white flowers with pink edges, set against a dark green background.

POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

Commander's Last Shout

Many thanks to Tim and Tris Thomas for hosting a highly successful breakfast during the Commanders game in Madrid.

Thank you to our bartender Shirley who volunteered to come in early and make Mimosas and Bloody Marys for all to enjoy.

Thank you to Lesley Brinton for collecting the money for the breakfast and arriving super early along with John to help Tim and Tris prepare.

Thank you to 1st Vice Commander Lee Luby for joining me in going shopping for our LARS and Fill a Truck program.

Thanks to Jamie and Steve Tompkins for making the turkeys and stuffing for our Thanksgiving feast.

We appreciate Clifton Smith for preparing and cooking the tasty turkeys that made our Thanksgiving Celebration special.

Thanks to everyone who joined our Thanksgiving feast and shared delicious dishes.

Thanks to our outstanding newsletter editors and proofreaders.

A heartfelt thank you to our entire bingo team for generously dedicating nearly every Friday throughout the year. Your unwavering commitment and support for the American Legion are truly appreciated.

Thank you to Sandy and Billy Stoner who helped cook the hams and kept the kitchen running smoothly.

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 Monday

SAL Squadron 60

7:00 pm First Thursday

American Legion Riders

7:00 pm Second Wednesday

The logo features the American flag's stars and stripes to the left of the words 'AMERICAN LEGION' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

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