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"The Fun Post"

February 2023



Commander's Message Lee Luby



February is Americanism month for the American Legion. Americanism is an unfailing love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies, individual allegiance to the U.S. flag and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. The Americanism pillar includes Boys State and Nation, the Oratorical competition, the Boy Scouts, the Legacy Scholarship Fund, ROTC, Voter Participation and our flag retirement and flag replacement programs.



February 5th marks Four Chaplains Sunday which pays tribute to the courageous chaplains and the brave young men who lost their lives when the Dorchester tragically sunk on February 3rd, 1943, while crossing the North Atlantic transporting troops to an American base in Greenland. Services are offered in Posts throughout the state to honor these heroes each year on February 5th.

February 20th is a federal holiday set aside to honor all those who have served as president of the United States. The Post will open at 12:00 PM to celebrate.

We are putting up a display case in the lounge where the Auxiliary cabinet used to be so that members can post their information such as business cards or upcoming events. Permission from an officer of the Post must be received before any notices are posted. The cabinet will be locked, and information will be signed by the approving officer. When the notices expire, they will be removed and discarded. This service is for members only. No guests may post on the board.



Election of officers will be held in April and now is the time to start thinking about running for an office in your unit. The nominating committees have been appointed and the nomination forms will be placed in the lounge on March 1st. Be sure to sign the form yourself and have the person you are nominating also sign. Any form that is not signed by both will be disqualified. By holding an office, you will help assure that we have the necessary leadership team to accomplish our goals and serve our veterans and the community. The current officers are available to answer any questions you have about unit positions and running for election.

We are one month into the new year and are becoming busier with planned events and fundraisers. Volunteers are needed to take the load off of our small core of members that are always there to support our efforts. Sign up sheets for all upcoming events are in the kiosk in the lounge and any volunteers will be much appreciated. Last year was a great one for our Post, but we can make 2023 even better by supporting our Units and their planned projects. Let's make this year better than ever.





Auxiliary Unit 60 ALA President Marcie Zell



Happy Valentine's Day to All!! Stores took a quick turnover from holiday clearance to all things filled with love for Valentine's Day. Share the love and acknowledge all of those near and dear to you.



Our next auxiliary meeting will be <u>Monday</u>, February 13 at 7PM, in the Hall. Join us! There's plenty of room!

<u>2nd VICE REPORT:</u> Carolyn Monko

Now that the holidays are behind us, the Fundraising Committee is gearing up for more activities. If you have a special pet (whether it is a dog, cat, fish, or snake) that you would like to create a lasting memory of then be sure to check out the Paint Your Pet Night on February 23rd from 6-9PM. Participants will send in a photo of their pet Pinot's Palette by February 3rd at: to https://www.pinotspalate.com/ellicottcity/event/63122 They will digitize it so that you can paint a portrait of your pet while you enjoy wine and snacks. A11 materials, two glasses of wine, a prepared canvas, and professional help are included in the cost of \$65.00. Please contact Nancy Slavinski (410-302-3757) or Carolyn Monko (carlymon4@gmail.com) for more information and to sign up.

Pamper yourself with a chance at a special Spa Basket, the raffle information will be available in the next few weeks. The basket will be in the Lounge so that you can take a peek at the goodies inside.

The annual Unit 60 Spring Craft Show will be held on March 25th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Hall. Anyone interested in being a vendor can contact Carolyn Monko. There are some spaces still available at \$40.00 for an 8-foot table with two chairs. Shoppers will enjoy a variety of creative crafts, some favorite vendors, concession stand, and a free chance at a raffle basket. We appreciate all of our volunteers but there are many ways to help out our military families, veterans, and children and youth without coming to events. If you volunteer at your school, church, work at food banks, participate in events helping your community (i.e., clean up days, food drives), picking up trash, getting out the vote, and more. Any time you help to make your community better or visit/assist our military, veterans and children, the Unit can get recognition at the Department Conference and the hours also get reported to Congress at the National Level. Let us know what you've been doing and send your hours and a brief description of what you did to Josie Lohman (jjal01@verizon.net). Every hour counts!

We are also helping our Children and Youth through the Ronald McDonald House Pull Tab Program. Aluminum pull tabs from canned beverages, pet food containers, soup, etc. can be saved to be recycled and earn money for the Ronald McDonald Houses. Save your tabs and encourage your friends and family to do the same. There will be a container in the Lounge to deposit your collected pull tabs. You can find more information at: <u>https://rmhcmaryland.org/pull-tabs/</u> or contact Carolyn Monko (<u>carlymon4@gmail.com</u>) for more information.

<u>MEMBERSHIP UPDATE</u> – Total members paid to date for FY 2023 are 250, 89% of goal.

If you haven't **renewed your dues for 2023**, please do so now to help meet goals for Unit 60 and our beloved Post!

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

If you have any questions, I can be contacted by email at **ALAunit60President@gmail.com**

From Chaplain Jo: Give us the wisdom to make every day count, dear Lord and help us be grateful for every blessing and opportunity you give us. God bless you all, Post 60!

Blessings, Chaplain Jo





SAL Squadron 60 Commander Eddie Souder



The Queen of Hearts/Wednesday Game Night has become one of the SAL's biggest programs of the year. Although the Queen game is not a unique idea among fraternal organizations, ours is the BEST, (biased yes, but a shared opinion by those in the know). We not only have an ever-growing Grand Prize, but we also have multiple pull-tab games with hundred\$ in prizes.

Along with other prizes, there are literally hundreds of winners every Wednesday and the biggest one is the beneficiaries of SAL Donations.

One thing we're short on- Help! We could use "A Few Good Men" from our many SAL members. If you are able to count to twenty (without taking your shoes off!), and have some free time on Wednesdays, please come join us. We'd love to have you.

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Queen of Hearts Night at the "Fun Post"







February 3, 2023, at Sandy Spring State Park. For more details see Squadron 60 Commander Eddie Souder.

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American Legion Rider Kevin Newman Asst. Director



Ah, Winter in Maryland... While the weather keeps us guessing as to whether or not safe riding is in the plan for the day, you can bet we're planning our events for the upcoming year.

With a goal in mind for growing our contribution to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship fund for this year, we've already begun fund raising activities, starting with our Sock Hop Dinner scheduled for February 18th from 1630 to 1900 (4:30-7PM) in Allen Hall. Come on out and relive good times (and make new ones!); era-appropriate dress not required (but welcome - c'mon, how fun would THAT be?!) As a public service announcement, we hear that the Wild Grey Hairz will be playing at the Post that night starting right after our event - always a crowd favorite :). This is just the first of several activities we're working on to maximize our contribution to the Scholarship Fund, which provides college funding to children of post-9/11 veterans who died on active duty, or those who have a combined VA disability rating of 50 percent greater. more information For go to: or https://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy.

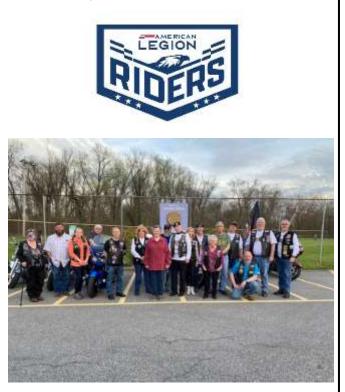
We're also planning to host a Blessing of the Bikes event on March 26th (rain date April 2nd). We're hoping for a good turn-out; please be sure and pass the word to anyone you know who rides! Cars, trucks, bicycles, golf carts, horse-drawn carriages (or the horses themselves - all are welcome; if you'd like to have one of our Chaplains request a blessing (and let's face it; who couldn't use someone watching over us?!) please join us.

Also, just a quick reminder; don't forget that the monthly Washing of the Wall (Vietnam Veterans' Memorial) in DC on the first Saturday of each month resumes on April 1st; contact Assistant Director Kevin Newman (kanewma@gmail.com) for more details!

The 50/50 winner for January 20th was Lesley Brinton; although not the largest payout at only \$100, anything helps in today's trying economy. Congrats Lesley!



ALR is ready to ride in the Laurel Christmas Parade



Commander Luby and the Post 60 ALR wish everyone a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 2023.

Chaplain Charley's Corner

As the days start getting longer and we get closer to Spring let us all remember to be thankful for our lives and all the blessings we have. Thank the Lord and walk in peace and remember those in need.

Your ALR - Still Serving and Riding

Post 60 Entertainment Josie Lohman, 2nd Vice Commander



I cannot believe that January has rolled on by and we haven't had any snow! I hope everyone is enjoying the mild winter thus far because I may have just jinxed it. February is the month of love and friendship. It's the time to let your family and friends know how much they mean to you. Your post is here to help out, chocolate covered strawberries and champagne, or mimosas will be given to all the ladies at our Valentines Celebration on the 11th. Starting at 7:30, Greater Image will be providing plenty of dance tunes, they might even play one of your favorites!

It will be a busy weekend at Post 60; February 12th is our Super Bowl Party. This event is open to all post members and their guests. You do not have to have a Super Bowl square to attend the party or go from the lounge into the hall. Bring your favorite dish to share, this is a potluck event. Post 60 will be providing the usual hot dogs and fixings along with a few other surprises. Get a group together and come on in to enjoy the game on the big screen. Happy hour prices will be in effect throughout the game. Our hall doors open at 5:30 and we will remain open for the entire game. Good luck to all our Super Bowl football pool players!

On the 23rd there will be a Paint Your Pet night fundraiser for Warrior Canine Connection. This wonderful non-profit organization is located right in Montgomery County! They help recovering Warriors reconnect with life, their families, their communities, and each other. Check out the Auxiliary column for more information and details on how to sign up.

By now most of you have received your new key cards for access to the Post. These cards are white, the same size and shape as a credit card and are magnetized. Please try to keep them away from all your credit cards or any magnetized items. We have had a couple of cards turned back in due to being demagnetized.

Be safe and stay warm, there might not have been any snow, but it sure has been cold!







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12 Post 60 Super Bowl Watch Party 5:30pm to end of Sam	13 ALA Meeting 7 PM	14 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	15Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	16 General Assembly 7 PM	17 The Jamesons 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	18 Wild Grey Hairz 7:30 pm Sock Hop Dinner 4:30-7pm		
19	20 Presidents Doy Post Opens 1200	21 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	22 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5 pm Queen Drawing at 7:15 pm	23 Craft Night Paint Your Pet 6-9 pm	24 Lost and Found 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	25 Black Falls Band 7:30 pm		
26	27	28 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	50	-	Post 60 Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM			

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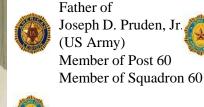
This page is dedicated to our Post 60 Family members and those responsible for their Legion Family affiliation. If you have pictures of those who served or paved the way for you, please forward them to John Musgrove, oxonhillbilly@comcast.net.

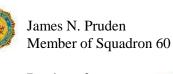
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Member of Post 60



Capt. Joseph Pruden, Sr. USA 1943-1965 (with Joseph, Jr.)

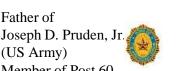






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George L. Pruden, II Member of Squadron 60



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Great-Grandfather of Nia L. Blakey Member of Unit 60



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Airman Recruit Chris Davis (1983 Lackland AFB) USAF 1983-1989







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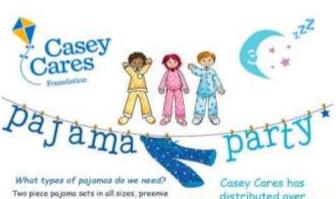
American Legion Post 60



Paint a portrait of your pet! You provide a digital photo of one pet, which will be transferred onto your 16 X 20 canvas. An artist will walk you though the steps to create your very own Pet Portrait. \$65 price includes all materials needed. Pet photos must be emailed by Feb.3rd to, https://www.pinotspalette.com/ellicottcity/event/631232 Proceeds benefit: Warrior Canine Connection

Enjoy your complimentary 2 glasses of wine or beer and desserts

6-9 PM Please arrive on time Contact: Nancy Slavinski @ 410-302-3757 Carolyn Monko @carlymon4@gmail.com



up to adult sizes (good far older teens)

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distributed over 30,000 pairs of new pajamas to area hospitals!

American Legion Post 60 Casey Cares Pajama Drive We Will Be Collecting November 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL Saturday March 18th at 1 pm Open to all Post Home Members & Their Guests To participate please bring your favorite Irish dish to share... Corned Beef & Cabbage, a side, or dessert

A sign-up sheet will be located at the Post events kiosk,

please sign up by March 10th

Let's Eat, Drink, and be TRISH, Be sure to wear YOUR GREEN!



March 25, 2023

9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. American Legion Post 60 Hall 2 Main Street, Laurel, Maryland



Concession Stand, Hunic, and Free Admission to Customers

Interested Vendors: \$40.00 for an 8 foot table & 2 chairs Only Handcrafted Items and Established Vendors Please contact Carolyn Monko at Unit60craftshow@gmail.com for more information and an application



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Commander's Last Shout

Thanks to Joe Lohman, Chris Davis, Mike Obremski, Martin Caslow and Dave Kerr for constructing the flag retirement burn pit.

Thanks to Josie Lohman and Nancy Slavinski for days of hard work decorating the hall for New Years and for preparing the great buffet dinner.

Thanks to Carolyn and Rob Monko for providing us with such great meals on Wednesday and Friday nights.

Thanks to Rob Monko and Josie Lohman for cleaning out the kitchen during our steam cleaning and for reorganizing afterward. What a difference!

Thanks to member Joan Stirling for donating the great food following her Legion event.

Thanks to Brenda McDonald for her help in the Sunday football kitchen.

Thanks to John Musgrove for taking over and upgrading the Post 60 website.

Thanks to Brenda and Tim Kearns for their assistance in making changes to our Post operating procedures.

Thanks to Joe Dubis for offering to help with preparing meals on weekends.

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

Executive Committee 7:00 pm Second Thursday

General Membership 7:00 pm Third Thursday

Note: Except the 3rd Thursday In July Due to Convention

Auxiliary Unit 60 General Membership 7:00 pm Second Monday

Auxiliary Unit 60 Executive Committee 7:00 PM See Calendar

SAL Squadron 60 7:00 pm First Thursday

American Legion Riders 7:00 pm Second Wednesday

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