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February 2025



Josie Lohman
Commander, AL Post 60



No one ever said that January would be an easy month to deal with, but did it have to be so cold? Hopefully this will be the end of our cold snap for the winter, and we can look forward to warmer temperatures. Maybe thoughts of cuddling with your sweetheart on Valentine’s Day will warm you up, it will be here before you know it. Why not bring your sweetheart out and listen to the tunes of Island Breeze and enjoy a little cuddling on the dance floor. If you get here early enough you might even be able to sit in front of the fireplace!

This year we have three of our Post 60 family members participating in the MD Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge. Lenny Francioni and Mike and Chika Obremski. Please consider making a donation while they take that icy plunge! Oh, and every little bit helps them get closer to winning team bragging rights.

Commander Dave Heredia spoke to thank Post 60 for our generous donations to the veterans across our state. He encourages all to go to the Gala, The importance of family. He thanked our Post for hosting many events. He advised us of the Legion Plus App that gives your profile and allows you to recruit Veterans to join the American Legion on the web.



Officers of Post 60 have been diligently working on improving and supporting our many projects around the post and fulfilling our many obligations within the American Legion. For the first time, Post 60’s Color Guard will be competing at The American Legion National Convention this year. It will be held in August in Tampa Bay, Florida. In order to offset some of the costs, there are fundraisers being held throughout our post. Please consider supporting our Color Guard and their endeavors to represent us at the National level.

The football event you have been waiting for is almost here, Super Bowl LIX! Our Super Bowl Potluck is open to all members, the food will be set up in the hall and will be available to everyone. For your viewing pleasure, the game will be shown on all the TVs in the lounge and in the hall too. Please join us, even if your team isn’t playing, it is a fun event with lots of good food.

Happy Hour Prices
During the Game

5:30PM

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

SUPER BOWL

Sunday Night

POTLUCK

Bring a dish or snack to share and join the fun!
Please sign-up at the lounge events kiosk

Lounge & Hall
At Post 60



Post 60 Entertainment
Tim Thomas
2nd Vice Commander



Welcome to February Post 60. I hope everyone is doing well during this frigid winter weather. Hang in there, spring is just around the corner. Hopefully, Punxsutawney Phil will not run back into his hole on February 2nd and give us an early spring!!

Are you ready for some football? This is it, the big one - February 9th is the Superbowl! You won't want to miss our annual Superbowl Party Potluck. Post 60 will be providing some food but we're counting on you to jump in with your favorite football fare. Please bring a covered dish or dessert for all to enjoy. The event starts at 5:30pm, the game will be shown in both Allen Hall and the lounge with sound. I hope you have your 50/50 tickets for the Color Guard raffle, the drawing will take place just before kickoff. Sales have already started so it should be a really nice win for someone. Not to worry if you didn't get yours yet, sales will continue right up until the time of the drawing. To keep you entertained they will also be selling laydown boards and pull tabs during the game. All proceeds will go towards their travel expenses to the National Competition in Tampa Bay. What a fun way to support our Color Guards!

This year Valentines' Day lands on a Friday, can you say crazy busy restaurants out there... Avoid the hassle and bring your sweetheart in to Post 60 for the evening. I'm sure the kitchen crew will be serving up a little something special and you can enjoy the smooth sounds of the Island Breeze band with that special person in your life. If you can't make it Friday night put your dance shoes on for a Post 60 favorite, Different Sisters on Saturday night.

Everyone stay warm and enjoy the month of February.

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



Post 60 Color Guard

50/50 RAFFLE



DRAWING IS FEB 9TH, 5:30PM
\$1 PER TICKET OR 6 FOR \$5

**HELP FUND THEIR TRIP TO
NATIONALS IN TAMPA BAY**

**DRAWING JUST BEFORE SUPERBOWL
IN ALLEN HALL.**
THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT!!!!

ESSENTIAL CPR

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TRAINING INCLUDES:

- ✔ CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)
- ✔ Wound Care
- ✔ Choking Relief
- ✔ Burn Treatment

Feb 17.7-9pm
\$65 per person

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Auxiliary Unit 60
Nancy Slavinski
ALA President



Happy Valentine's Day to one and all on February 14!!

Also, Groundhog Day is February 2 so let's hope all goes well as we've had enough of cold weather, especially snow.

Lincoln's Birthday is February 12 and President's Day/Washington's Birthday is February 17.

Craft Corner: The last of four events (**Coastal Centerpiece**) was held on Monday, January 27th, from 6:30-9:30PM. An evening enjoyed by all in attendance. If you have a specialty craft to share with others, ALA would like to hear from you.

50/50 on Fridays – we are still in need of volunteers to sell the tickets each Friday. There is a sign-up sheet in the Lounge that extends to April 25th so please help if you have time to do so.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: We are off and running for the **2024-2025** year and memberships are now available. To register, go to:

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

Track It Forward: Please remember to enter your hours. It is important for all Legion units to record hours to support National. We emphasize the importance this at our monthly meetings.

Our **Give 10 to Education** program for 2024-2025 will benefit **Backpacks of Love**. We will also continue to support **LARS** so please consider donating dry or canned goods...you will find the container in the Lounge

Pop-Top Program: This program has ended.

The ALA delivered all pop-tops received to date to the charity, **Backpacks of Love**, in late January. Thank you to everyone who saved the tops and brought them in to Post 60.

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Upcoming Events:

February Raffle Basket – Valentine's Day Basket in the Lounge from FEB 1st-14th for those interested in participating. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. Please see an ALA officer or the bartender to purchase.



Valentine's Basket Raffle
 Valued at \$600
Tickets
 1-\$1.00
 6-\$5.00
Drawing—February 14th
 See any Auxiliary Officer or Bartender For Tickets
 American Legion Post 60, 2 Main Street, Laurel, Md 20707

March Raffle Basket to celebrate St. Patrick's Day - coming soon so look for details in next month's newsletter.

Children's Easter Party will be Sunday, April 13th.

Fall Craft Show will be Saturday, September 13th, more to come.

ALA Contact info:

President - Nancy Sgambato Slavinski,
alapresidentunit60@gmail.com;

2nd Vice - Denise Person, dp.0325@icloud.com;

Secretary– Lucy Haggerty,
secretaryunit60@gmail.com.

1st Vice – Carolyn Monko's email is under the Membership Update article above.





1st Vice Commander Lee Luby



Come on warm weather! This freezing January has gone on long enough and we are ready for Spring! Even though it has been cold and blustery in January, our membership has thrived, and we are doing well. We are at 79.5% which places us #4 in the 5th District among Posts that have 500-750 members. While we are holding our own, it is important for us to renew 31 members to reach the next goal of 85% .

If you have not renewed, please do since you will not be able to use your door key or play Queen of Hearts until you do. 100% is our goal. Let's get it done by renewing and inviting fellow veterans to join.



Squadron 60 Martin Caslow Finance Officer



Happy New Year and Valentines from Squadron 60

Commander Rob Monko and the membership of Squadron 60 wish all of you a Happy New Year.

We have a fun-filled 2025 on tap for the Post 60 family with all the events you have enjoyed in the past. We also have a lot of work ahead of us to meet our fundraising and then our donation goals. We hope you will continue to support our efforts as you have in the past. Your generosity over the years has made us one of the most successful squadrons in the state. Thank you and see you around The Fun Post.

2025 FUNdraising!!!

Queen of Hearts!

Please make sure you join us in the lounge every Wednesday for The Queen of Hearts!!! After 4 months, the jackpot is growing fast. Pull Tabs, Music and Food is served... and it could be your turn to bring home the loot.

Crab Feast

Our annual crab feast is coming in July. Every year the Allen Hall gets filled with family and friends and some of the best crabs around. We will have a signup sheet for volunteers in a few months, but if you want to help or have ideas, please find Martin Caslow to chat about it. Lots of chances to win money and prizes! See you when the weather is warmer.

Car show

Returning in 2025 for the 11th consecutive year, the car show will be Sunday, August 10th. Mike Templeton is looking for sponsors. This is arguably the most popular event at Post 60. If you would like to help, please see Mike.

The first Thursday of every month is our Squadron meeting. We start promptly at 7PM-ish. Dinner and a free drink are served after the meeting too! Our next meeting is February 6th. Come and join the effort.

Casey Cares Foundation

pajama party

What types of pajamas do we need?
Two piece pajama sets in all sizes, preemie up to adult sizes (good for older teens)

Monetary donations will gladly be accepted by Commander Luby for the purchase of pajamas

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

American Legion Post 60

Casey Cares Pajama Drive

We Will Be Collecting
October 1, 2024 to March 30, 2025





AL Riders Lenny Francioni Director



The plaque hunt was on – the ALR 60 went out and captured two plaques. Ten folks joined in on the excursion and a great time was had by all. We traveled to Brunswick, Boonesboro, Fredrick and then to Westminster. We found out along the way that the latter two had their plaques stolen already. We ended the nine-hour day at Tampico’s for a nice dinner. While we were out, sadly, we were told that LaPlata had come and captured their plaque back.



Deck Report David Privott Resource Officer



I’d like to bring you the first Deck Report directly from the Deck of Post 60. This Legion year has been a very exciting year. We’ve seen the deck crew grow from a few occasional cigar/cigarette smokers to the place to be while visiting the Post. Thanks to our fearless Deck Chairman (Dave Kerr), we have deck lights, seasonal decor and an honorary mascot.

We are constantly seeking ways to improve and make the deck a place for everyone to enjoy. We’re currently going through a cold spell and seeking ways to make the deck more comfortable for the brave few that still come out on the deck. Most recently we experimented with different ways to block the wind, from Saran Wrap, to a shower curtain. We’re even looking into the possibility of putting outdoor heating on the deck. The most recent plan is to purchase high quality plastic panels to shield in three sides of the covered overhang.

Although we are comprised mostly of smokers and ex-smokers, everyone is welcome. Regardless if you’re a regular or visiting for the first time, stop by and check us out. In our future editions we’ll will be highlighting a cigar of the month by our resident expert Chris Davis.

AND, I like to send a special shout out to Commander Lohman for gifting us our very own humidor.



Tim Thomas, keepin’ it clean for the Deck Crew!



CRAFT NIGHT: COASTAL CENTERPIECE





February 2025

Winey Wednesday 4 pm
Every Wednesday



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 5:30 to 9 PM			1 Heat 7:30 pm
2	3	4	5 Queen of Hearts 5-7:15pm (Kitchen- Rob/Carolyn)	6 SAL Meeting 7 pm	7 DJ Butch Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 C&Y)	8 Rebound 7:30 pm
9 Super Bowl Party 5:30-End of Game 	10 ALA Meeting 7pm	11	12 Queen of Hearts 5-7:15pm (Kitchen- Rob/Carolyn) ALR Meeting 7 pm	13 Exec. Committee Meeting 7 pm	14 Valentine's Day Island Breeze 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 Color Guard)	15 Different Sisters 7:30 pm
16	17 President's Day Post opens at 1200	18	19 Queen of Hearts 5-7:15pm (Kitchen- Christel/Denise)	20 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	21 Lost & Found 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	22 Honky Tonk Casanovas 7:30 pm
23	24	25	26 Queen of Hearts 5-7:15pm (Kitchen- Christel/Denise)	27	28 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	



Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm

Winey Wednesday 4 pm March 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM			The Post 60 Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 9 PM			1 Sharon Dukes & the All Star Band 7:30 pm
	2 Color Guard Meeting 6:30 pm	3	4	5 SAL Meeting 7 pm	6 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 C&Y)	7 Escape 7:30 pm
9	10 ALA Meeting 7pm	11	12 ALR Meeting 7 pm	13 Exec. Committee Meeting 7 pm	14 Acoustic Cafe 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 Color Guard)	15 3 'til Midnight 7:30 pm
16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20 AL General Assembly Mtg 7:00 PM	21 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	22 Gary & the Groove 7:30 pm
23	24	25	26	27 	28 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	Out of Order 7:30 pm
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Bingo Night

AMERICAN LEGION LAUREL POST 60

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM
BINGO STARTS AT 7:30

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

301-725-2302

23 GAMES - All Cash Prizes Guaranteed

Bingo Ball Games \$400 and UP

Early Bird Ball Games \$180 - \$350

Fun for the Whole Family...

Food & Snacks Available for Purchase

Like us on Facebook - American Legion Post 60 Friday Night Bingo

Valentine's MENU

FEB 7, 14, 21 & 28

APPETIZERS

- Stuffed Jalapeños \$6
- Fresh Chicken Wings \$12
- Fried Flautas \$6
- Bacon Wrapped Shrimp \$6
- Fries \$4
- Loaded Fries \$7
- Loaded Nachos \$10

FAMILY FAVORITES

New weekly dinner special \$15
Soup of the week \$5

DESSERTS

Homemade bars & Cakes \$4

BEVERAGES

- Canned Soda & Water \$1
- Hot Cocoa \$2
- Hot Tea \$2
- Fresh Brewed Coffee \$2

ENTRÉES

- Philly Cheese Steak \$12
- Quesadillas \$9
- Chicken Salad Sub \$12
- Grilled Salmon \$14
- Cheeseburger \$12
- Ultimate Mixed Grill \$15

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Queen of Hearts Jackpot Raffle and Game Night

At American Legion Post 60

Beginning Wednesday, September 4th, 2024

Games Begin at 5 pm, Queen Drawing at 7:15 pm

Every Wednesday Night

Until the Queen of Hearts is drawn

Raffle Tickets \$5 each (3 for \$10)

Ask about our loyalty card program

Remember - Only Members are Permitted to Play

Only American Legion Family Members are eligible to win the Queen of Hearts drawing, so be sure to bring your Current Membership Card.

All participants must be 21 years of age - We comply with IRS Gambling Winnings Rules

Additional details, including the COMPLETE set of rules and payout information will be displayed at Post 60 prior to the first drawing

The Queen of Hearts game will be administered by SAL Squadron 60

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Renew your 2025 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

American Legion Auxiliary

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](https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/364213691671/) 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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Available Sizes:

Men - Medium to 4X

Women - Small to 3X



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY Ongoing Community Outreach Programs

FOOD PANTRY



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.

Nancy Sgambato Slavinski

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SAL Squadron 60

Auxiliary Unit 60

Legion Riders

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Finance Officer	Pedro Lopez
Chaplain	Martin Berman
Resource Officer	David Privott
Historian	John Musgrove
Sgt-at-Arms	Melvin Campbell
Adjutant	Mac McNally

Commander	Rob Monko
1st Vice	Eddie Souder
2ndVice	Tom Allen
3 rd Vice	Vacant
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Sgt-at-Arms	Charlie Turner
Historian	Mark Duff
Adjutant	Joe Lohman
Parliamentarian	Vacant
Advisor	Chris Davis

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2nd Vice	Denise Person
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Treasurer	Tris Thomas
Chaplain	Barbara Rhodes
Historian	Vacant
Sgt-at-Arms	Chaitra Chambers

Director	Lenny Francioni
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Chaplain	Charley Buckley
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POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

Commander's Last Shout

Thanks to Eddie Souder for fixing the planks on our deck

Thank you to Martin Caslow and Chris Davis for your help with our grant.

Thank you to Tim and Tris Thomas for making the football playoffs exciting!

Thank you, Mike Templeton for keeping our parking lot and sidewalks at the Post clear for our members during this snowy January.

Thank you to Nancy Slavinski for helping out during many hall events and helping with Ray's dinner.

Thank you, Ray Torres for providing us with another wonderful sit-down dinner at Post 60.

Thank you to Margaret Hill for joining our bingo crew and helping Shirley to band balls.



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

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not have E-Mail**

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