



The American Legion



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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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"The Fun Post"

February 2026



Josie Lohman
Commander, AL Post 60



Lee Luby
1st Vice Commander



As we enter the chilly month of February, the dedicated members of Post 60 have been busy doing what we do best - coming together to support great causes. Thanks to our recent fundraising efforts, we have been able to make some significant contributions to important causes, notably \$7,000 to MCVET and \$10,000 to Special Olympics. These generous donations are just a few examples of the many programs we support and the fundraising activities we undertake throughout the year.

Every member of Post 60 should take great pride in our achievements and the unwavering commitment to fulfilling the goals of our organization. The hard work and dedication exhibited by everyone has directly contributed to the success of our fundraising initiatives. You truly make a difference, and it shows in the impact we have in our community.

We've also been making improvements around the Post to create a more comfortable and welcoming space for members and guests alike. These upgrades will continue throughout the year as we work to keep our home in great shape.

Looking ahead, 2026 will be another busy and challenging year for our Post. There will be plenty of opportunities for our members to volunteer and be part of something rewarding. We're extremely fortunate to have members who consistently come together to support the Legion's mission, fostering a strong sense of community and shared purpose. Thank you Post 60 members - your efforts are what make our success possible!

We are now at 82% of our 100% membership goal and are well on our way to reaching it by early June. Larger Posts like ours find it difficult to keep up with Department guidelines, but we are doing a pretty good job. If you get a notice in the mail that says your 2026 dues are payable, don't waste a stamp. Instead, come by the Post, enjoy a drink and a chat with fellow members, and I will renew your membership on the spot, and give you your new card and update your door pass card too. Let's make this another 100% membership year and show the smaller Posts that we can do it!

Sad News

George Schaab passed away on 30 January 2026, at the age of 97. George was an Army veteran, Past post Commander and a member of Post 60 for 71 years. George will be missed.



George

As we stand here, as a unit of One
We knew this day would surely Come.
You served well, dear friend,
Faith, Family and Country you did defend.
Your quirky smile we will miss,
One more hug we do wish.
But now its time to let you go,
To you, all the love in our hearts will flow.
Fly high dear friend, its not goodbye,
its till we say hello again.

Shared with us by Barbara Rhodes



The American Legion Family



Post 60 Entertainment
Tim Thomas
 2nd Vice Commander



Hello Post 60 — we sure did hit the ground running in 2026!

What a fantastic time we had at the New Year's Eve Party – America250! Everyone loved the band *Out of Order*, along with the great food and festive decorations. Smiles were everywhere, and the compliments just kept coming — truly overwhelming in the best way. A big thank-you goes out to my wife Tris; Commander Lohman (with her little helpers Emma and Maya); Charlie Turner; Eddie Souder; Abbey Rigney; Bob Kocher; Susan Pruden; Joe Lohman; and Dave Tyson. Each of you played an important role in making the night such a success, from setup to cleanup. Well done!

There's one NFL game left this season, and it's the biggest one of all — the Super Bowl! Kickoff is February 8th at 6:30 PM, and we're kicking things up a notch with a Super Bowl Potluck Party. The fun starts at 5:00 PM, so bring your favorite dish or dessert to share and join us for a great evening of food, football, and fellowship. The game will be shown in Allen Hall and on the SAL big screen in the Lounge, so there's plenty of room for everyone. Whether you're here for the action on the field or just to enjoy good company and great food, we'd love to see you. As always, thank you to everyone who supported the Sunday Football Food Fund throughout the season. And a special *shout-out* to Perri and Wayne for providing pizza during the Divisional Round playoff games — it was a hit! We're already looking forward to next football season.

But the fun doesn't stop there! We'll keep things lively with great events and live music all winter long. Before you know it, the grill will be fired up with burgers and hot dogs. On February 14th, *Out of Order and Friends* will be back as our Valentine's Day band! They'll be on stage in Allen Hall, giving us plenty of room to dance the night away. Ladies will receive a small box of chocolates while supplies last. Everyone is welcome, and you're encouraged to bring your own food to enjoy while listening to the music or taking a break from the dance floor.

Then on February 28th, a Post 60 favorite returns — *Sara and The Igniters!* Be sure to mark your calendars, because it's sure to be another great night.

Wishing everyone a wonderful February. Stop by and say hello — you're sure to find me in one of my "usual" spots around Post 60!





Auxiliary Unit 60 Carolyn Monko ALA President



January was a slow month, and Winter Storm Fern was a major inconvenience. I hope that everyone came through it safely and was able to spend time at home without the distractions and bustle of everyday life. It gave me time to focus on what I would like to see happen in our organization this year and my main goals are; Membership, Participation, and Volunteerism. We have 300+ members and would love to see more of you at Post 60 and at our events.

That led me to three questions for our membership:

1. Why did you join the Auxiliary? (And there is no wrong answer!) We appreciate all of our members and whether you joined out of a desire to contribute to our veterans, military members and their families; because you liked having a welcoming space to hang out; or because a family member or friends asked you to join.
2. Do you, or would you like to, participate more in Post and American Legion events? If so, how is best way to reach out to you; phone calls, emails, more Auxiliary social events?
3. Are you looking for more ways to volunteer either at Post 60, in your community, or Veterans associations? Do you feel more comfortable joining in activities with friends? Do you need more information about upcoming activities? Or do you have ideas but aren't sure how to get them organized or just want to "throw them out there"?

The Auxiliary is so much more than meetings at the Post and we want to help every member to feel that they are valued and contributing to our objectives of helping out veterans, active-duty military, and our community. Even hours spent outside of our scheduled activities count in helping the organization. If you help out at schools, churches, or with veterans, we want to know about it. We can keep track of those hours, and they help in our reports to the Maryland Department and to Congress.

Here are some ways we can help: We can keep track of your volunteer hours for you through "Track it Forward" or we can sign you up to do that yourself. You can email or text your ideas or concerns to myself at – carlymon4@gmail.com or 301-641-9007. Let us know how we can help you to become more active and what you want from your auxiliary.

If you are not currently receiving emails, please let me know. We look forward to seeing you all in the coming year.



Participating in this great event were Nancy Gebicke, Peggy Purcell, Lesley Brinton, Barbara Rhodes, Christel Lopez-Berryman, Penny Garrett, Carolyn Monko, and Tris Thomas.

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AUXILIARY



**Squadron 60
David Tyson
Blood Drive Coordinator**



Dear Post 60,

Every 2 seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. This is why the American Legion is on a mission to help save lives. Our donors play a critical role in the treatment of accident and burn victim, heart surgery and organ transplant patients and those receiving treatment for

Leukemia, Cancer or Sickle Cell disease.

Looking back at 2025, the American Red Cross was able to collect 65 pints of blood with the support of Post 60. Each pint collected equates to more than one life saved. **Can we do more in 2026**, sure we can. New opportunities lay ahead, now we need to show what we can do.

We currently have three Blood Drives scheduled for the coming year. Now is your chance to save the dates:

- April 20th
- August 10th
- November 16th.

Please find a way to spend an hour with us on one or all of the dates. **Let us show them what Post 60 can do. It is time to save lives in 2026.**

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



**The American Legion
Post 60
Allen Hall
20 April 2026**

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

To sign up:

<http://redcrossblood.org>
in the site block, enter Laurel Post 60

If you need assistance getting signed up,
Contact Dave Tyson
Email: dctyson214@gmail.com
Cell: (410) 491-5028



**Saturday, March 15,
2026. 11:00 AM, AL
Post 60 parking lot.
2 Main St. Laurel**

Blessing of the Bikes

Open to all Riders and vehicles. Complimentary coffee and donuts will be served.

RAIN DATE MARCH 22

American Legion Post 60

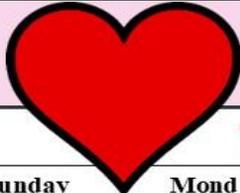
Valentine's Day



**OUT OF ORDER AND FREINDS
♥ IN ALLEN HALL. ♥**

FEBRUARY 14TH, 7:30 - 10:30PM

**FREE SMALL BOX OF CANDY TO THE LADIES WHILE
SUPPLIES LAST. EVERYONE IS WELCOMED TO
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD TO ENJOY AT YOUR TABLE!!**



February 2026

**Happy Hour
Monday - Friday
4 to 7 PM**

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Craft Club 6:30 pm	4 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	5 SAL Meeting 7 PM	6 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	7 Rebound 7:30 pm
8 Super Bowl Party 5:00 pm Until the End of the Game 	9 ALA Meeting 7 PM	10 Craft Club 6:30 pm	11 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Meeting 7 PM	12 Executive Committee 7 PM	13 Groove Quest 7-10 pm Valentine Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	14 VALENTINE'S DAY Out of Order Will be Playing in Allen Hall 7:30-10:30
15	16 President's Day Post opens at 1200	17 Craft Club 6:30 pm	18 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	19 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	20 Lost & Found 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	21 Music Alley 7:30 pm
22	23	24 Craft Club 6:30 pm	25 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	26	27 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	28 Sara & the Igniters 7:30 pm



**Every Wednesday
is Winey
Wednesday
4 pm - Closing**

**Post Kitchen is Open
Every Friday 4:00 to 9:00 PM**

Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM

March 2026



The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Craft Club 6:30 pm	4	5 SAL Meeting 7 pm	6 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	7 Wild Grey Hairz 7:30 pm
8	9 ALA Meeting 7pm	10 Craft Club 6:30 pm	11 ALR Meeting 7 pm	12 Exec. Committee Meeting 7 pm	13 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm SUPER BINGO 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	14 Doug Lester Band 7:30 pm
15 Blessing of the Bikes 11:00 am	16	17  Craft Club 6:30 pm	18	19 General Assembly Mtg 7 pm	20 Joint Venture 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	21 Gary & the Groove 7:30 pm
22 	23	24 Craft Club 6:30 pm	25 	26	27 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	28 Heat 7:30 pm
29	30	31 Craft Club 6:30 pm	Winey Wednesday Every Wednesday! 4 pm - Closing			



**P&G Catering Every Friday in the Kitchen
4 to 9 PM**



Post 60 Rings in the New Year!!



Wintertime At the Fun Post

AMERICAN LEGION
— POST 60 —

Due to the
WINTER STORM

— Post 60 will be —
Closed on Monday Jan 26th



Everyone be safe and stay warm!!



Thank you, Mike Templeton,
Tim, Tris and CJ Thomas, for
getting the Post cleaned up!

CLOSED

**American Legion Post 60
Due to Water Main Break**

our parking lot is flooded and is now
a sheet of ice. We may lose water for
a period of time as well. Check back
for updates.



P&G
M&M

FRIDAY FEB 6TH, 13TH, 20TH & 27TH
NEW SPECIALS FOR THE MONTH OF LOVE

APPETIZERS			
Stuffed Jalapeños	\$6		
Bacon Wrapped StufJal	\$8		
Classic Chicken Wings	\$12		
Spicy Shrimp	\$12		
Bacon Wrapped Shrimp	\$6	ENTRÉES	
Fries	\$4	Philly Cheese Steak	\$13
Loaded Fries	\$7	Quesadillas	\$10
Loaded Nachos	\$10	Chicken Salad Sub	\$13
		Grilled Salmon	\$15
		Cheeseburger	\$13
BEVERAGES		Stuffed Chicken	\$15
Canned Soda & Water	\$1	Grilled Steak	\$15
Coffee & Hot Cocoa	\$2		
		HOMEMADE DESSERTS \$5	

NEW! Weekly Dinner specials & Soups (check the board!)

cateringyesplease.org

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BE THE ONE™
TRAINING

June 13, 2026

AMERICAN LEGION POST 60
2 Main St., Laurel, MD

Light Lunch at Noon
★ Class Starts at 1:00 PM
Lunch and class held in Allen Hall.

Learn more about how to "Be The One" to help and assist an at risk veteran.

- ★ Recognizing the warning signs
- ★ VA support & resources available
- ★ How to get involved in the Legion's
- ★ "Be The One" mission

Be The One to make a difference in One Life!!

Training is free and open to anyone.
Contact laurelpost60newsandevents@gmail.com for questions.

★★★★★

MCVETS – FILL THE CONTAINER

PENNY DRIVE

Sponsored by American Legion Post 60

Every Penny Makes a Difference for Our Veterans

American Legion Post 60 is proud to support **MCVETS** (Maryland Center for Veterans Education & Training) through our Fill the Container Penny Drive.

Help us make an impact – drop your spare change and help change a veteran's life.

What is MCVETS?

- ◆ Safe transitional & permanent housing
- ◆ Education & job training programs
- ◆ Employment placement assistance
- ◆ Case management & life-skills support
- ◆ Long-term stability & independence

How You Can Help

- ◆ Drop your pennies, coins, or spare change in the container
- ◆ Every contribution – large or small – supports local veterans.
- ◆ 100% of funds raised go toward assisting veterans in need.



Together, We Can Make a Difference – One Penny at a Time

American Legion Post 60
2 Main Street • Laurel, Maryland

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

AMERICAN LEGION POST 60 FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

BE OUR BINGO VALENTINE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026
 DOORS OPEN @ 5
 FREE BINGO DAUBER AND BOX OF CHOCOLATES TO FIRST 100 PAID ADMISSIONS TO BINGO!

2 MAIN STREET
 LAUREL, MD
 301-725-2302

\$UPER BINGO

AMERICAN LEGION POST 60
 2 Main St. Laurel

Friday, March 13th
 DOORS OPEN 4:30 PM
 EARLY BIRD BALL GAMES START AT 6:30 PM
 18 - \$500 PAYOUT GAMES AND TWO \$1000 PAYOUT GAMES!
 \$100 Admission for 15 cards
 Seating is Limited
 20 games, ball games, plus early bird ball games too!

Like us on Facebook
 AMERICAN LEGION POST 60 FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

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)

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

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

American Legion Post 60
Casey Cares Pajama Drive
 We Will Be Collecting
 January 7 - March 20, 2026

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

With The New American Legion Logo!



On Sale Now - \$25 Each

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.

WE VOLUNTEERS

Post 60 Officers

Commander	Josie Lohman
1st Vice	Lee Luby
2ndVice	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
2ndVice	Rob Monko
3 rd 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
Membership	Larry Morrell
Public Affairs	Quinn Harry

The American Legion
Laurel Post 60
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Laurel, Maryland 20707- 4304

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Serving
Veterans and
The Community
Since 1932

POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

Commander's Last Shout

Thank you to Larry Morrell (Bam Bam) for repairing our many, many flags that we use for flag lines.

Thank you to Perri and Wayne for bringing delicious pizzas for Sunday football.

Thank you, Joe Lohman, Charlie Turner, Gary Warner, Dave Privott, Bam Bam, and Charlie Seek for, keeping our ball field and surrounding property maintained.

Thank you, John Musgrove, for taking the initiative to get our rifles serviced and ready for use by our Honor Guard.

Thanks to Mike Templetom for keeping the post parking lot and walkways clear for our members.

Thank you to the Thomas family for venturing out in the ice and snow to help clear the ramps and sidewalks at the post, and for making sure everything was in good order.

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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**For members who do
not have E-Mail**

If you want the Post Newsletter mailed to your home, please send the written request by mail to the Post Adjutant.

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>