



The American Legion



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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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Commander's Message Lee Luby



What a way to finish the year! The last weekend of 2022 included bingo, Wreath's Across America, A veteran Christmas dinner sponsored by The Irreverent Warriors, the children's Christmas party and the annual Chili Cookoff, and all in 3 days. Our heads were spinning by the time Sunday night rolled around! It's great to be able to host large events again, and Post 60 is getting ready for a record breaking 2023. Our Auxiliary is more active than ever, and the SAL is keeping all of us busy with their projects. The Legionnaires are continuing with Post improvements and there is little time to sit still. Just the way a Post should be! We are doing the work of the American Legion, and as Gayle "Moose" Murdock is fond of saying, "We are gettin' 'er done".

We have some Department of Maryland functions coming up at the Post soon. In February we are hosting a DEC meeting and in March we will sponsor the National Commander's Banquet. If you want tickets to the banquet, they are available for \$35.00 per seat. There will be 10 sets per table. I have them both for the banquet and breakfast the following morning, but they will go fast once the holidays are over. The breakfast tickets are \$10.00 for a breakfast buffet. Be sure to get them before they sell out. Post 60 is #1 in the Department of Maryland in membership for Posts of 500-750 members. Our goal is to reach 100% again this year and qualify for The Oyster Bowl, as we have for several years. If you have not renewed, please do so soon. We have a new door card system and you will not be able to get in without the new white card, which you will keep for your entire membership. The new cards are available from myself or 2nd Vice Josie Lohman if you present a current 2023 membership card. No cards will be issued without a 2023 card being presented.



On December 4th Joe and Josie Lohman, Eddie Souder, Mike and Chika Obremski, Charlie Turner and I attended the Maryland State Special Olympics Bowling tournament in Gaithersburg and presented a check for \$10,000.00. It was an honor to be able to contribute to such an important program of the American Legion and to hear the cheers from the athletes and coaches. This was possible because of the work of Post 60 volunteers who support our projects by donating their time and talents to raise funds to help reach the goals that we set every year. Thanks to all of them for making it all possible.

As we begin a new year it is vital that we remember that our purpose is to serve the community, state and nation. We are not a bar or a social club. We are an American Legion Post with a commitment to support our fellow veterans, their families and active duty personnel. Volunteering for events to help reach our goals is a way that all members can contribute to our cause, and my hope is that more people from all 4 Units will step up to ease the burden that is shared by a few dedicated workers. Happy New Year and I pray that the next 12 months will bring happiness and prosperity to all of you! If you haven't been to the Post recently, stop by and see all the changes we have made. I think you will be pleasantly surprised, and we would like to see you.

Toys for Lars

This was a record year for the annual toy drive to support needy children in Laurel. Carolyn and Butch Kreamer, Josie Lohman, Peggy O'Neale and I delivered a truck load of new toys to LARS on December 16th, and were happy they arrived just in time to distribute to families to make their Christmas Day memorable. All of the toys were donated by members of our Post who always step up to assure that needy children in Laurel are not forgotten. Thanks to the members of all units who contributed toys or money to this important Legion program.





Auxiliary Unit 60 ALA President Marcie Zell



Happy New Year! With 2022 behind us, let's focus on making 2023 the most memorable year for all of us. Look for ways to not only improve your lifestyle but that of others in our community. Whether it's volunteering to clean up an area; donate food, clothing, or funds; participate in Legion events; repairs/updates at home that have been put off; or treat yourself to something you've always wanted



(and didn't get for the holidays) 🎉🎉

Our next auxiliary meeting will be *Monday, January 9 at 7PM, in the Hall.* Join us! There's plenty of room!

UNIT 60 was very happy to sponsor this year's Turkey Trot event to end hunger with the Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, Inc. (LARS), who do so much good for our community. We were represented by Lesley Brinton. She and her husband, John, were proud participants. Unit 60 was also able to get permission from ALA National to include our branding on the sponsorship:

<https://www.laureladvocacy.org/turkeytrot.html>

Lunch with Santa was a happy, successful event thanks to the creativity and dedication of our Children & Youth events team and their volunteers. It sure was nice to be able to gather together this year! Check out the fun photos in this newsletter.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – Total members paid to date for FY 2023 are 241, 86% of goal (about same % as last year.) If you haven't **renewed your dues for 2023**, please do so now to help meet our 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

Questions? ALAunit60President@gmail.com

A Special Thanks to our donors who wanted to do something in remembrance of ALA Unit 60 members who have recently passed: Adair Nuzback, Pauline Reel, and Cathy Saia. They are honored in our Memorial Garden with bricks inscribed with their names, years as Unit 60 Members, and dates passed into God's loving Hands. Please visit their Bricks in the Memorial Garden and take the opportunity to relive a fond memory with these special ladies. ***Thanks for the expert installation, Ralph!***



From Chaplain Jo: Happy New Year All! A new year to make a difference, to help when help is needed, and a new year to choose happiness and kindness. The question is, "will you do it?" If the answer is yes, it will make your heart happy and the Lord's too! Let's make it a wonderful 2023 here at Post 60!

Blessings, Chaplain Jo



SAL Squadron 60



The Queen of Hearts is still in hiding and waiting for you to find her! Stop by the post on Wednesdays, between 5:00-7:30 PM, purchase your tickets and help in the search for her. If you do find her, there is a **\$BIG\$** reward waiting just for you! And if you don't, you will still find fun, food, drink, and most importantly, Post 60 camaraderie.

Post 60 Commander Lee Luby presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 to the Maryland Special Olympics on Sunday December 4, 2022, at the annual SOMD bowling tournament in Gaithersburg, MD. Commander Luby was accompanied by Squadron 60 Commander Eddie Souder, SAL Detachment First Vice Commander Joe Lohman, SAL Detachment Second Vice Commander Mike Obemski, Post 60 Josie Lohman, Squadron 60 Charlie Turner, and ALA Unit 60 Chika Obremski.

If you would like to support Maryland Special Olympics in other ways, think about participating in the upcoming Polar Bear Plunge on February 4th, 2023! Post 60's delegation grows every year as more and more AL Family Members discover the joys of a nice winter dive into the Chesapeake Bay. Hope to see you there!





American Legion Riders

Kevin Newman
Asst. Director



The start of the New Year brings colder weather, but warm wishes for all our Post Family. We'll be back out riding soon! In the meantime, here's some pics from the ALR Holiday Party at Tampico Grill; a good time was had by all, and some crazy White Elephant gifts made the rounds!



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Photos courtesy of Denise Person and Lenny Francioni



Chaplain Charley's Corner
The start of a new year brings us all new hope and promise. May this year be even more pleasant than the last few we have had. We look forward to another year of wonderful events at the Post as well as good fellowship with each other.





Post 60 Entertainment

Josie Lohman,
2nd Vice Commander



Adjutant's Call
Michael "Mac" McNally



Happy holidays, everyone! We're ending the year on a high note and looking forward to 2023 with even higher aspirations.

If you don't have New Year's Eve plans yet, consider spending it with us in Allen Hall. Our doors will open at 8 PM, with snack/appetizers available starting at 8 until they last. The band, **"3 'til Midnight"**, will be playing your favorite dance tunes from 8:30 PM-12:30 AM. Party favors and a complimentary glass of champagne at midnight will be provided. It should be a great time with lots of dancing and camaraderie to reflect on 2022 and welcome in 2023.

The Super Bowl is around the corner. Our \$100 Super Bowl pools are filled, and the numbers have been drawn. Please see me or Commander Luby to get a copy of the pools if you are in them. Also, I have started a \$20 Super Bowl pool. Do not hesitate in getting your square(s) as it is filling up quickly. The Super Bowl is on Sunday February 12th, and it will be held in both Allen Hall and the lounge. This is a potluck event. Please sign up at the Events Kiosk. Doors open at 5:30 PM, and happy hour prices will be available during the game. Please consider bringing your favorite dish to share. We hope to see you there!

A special thank you to all our members who have helped lighten my load with certain tasks around the post. Whether it's been helping with football food on Sundays, managing the football pools, moving tables and chairs or just being there for the Post. There is no way I could do this without all of you! Thanks for having my back, I truly appreciate every one of you.

After I retired from my career as an investigator, I found a job at Albert Einstein High School as a special needs teacher. I was placed in a class with handicapped teenagers. One girl stood out from the others. Her name is Helen. Helen was a down syndrome girl with obsessive compulsive syndrome disability. To her everything must be just right. For example, on her way to class she would straighten every lock on every locker. Naturally, she would be late for class for which she was always excused. There was a kindness about her in that she shared everything except her lunch.

They had their own Special Olympics at the school. Every Special Needs student could participate, including ones in wheelchairs. It was a joyous time that the students looked forward to participating in.

As the race started the teachers and students cheered them on as the participants waved and smiled at the crowd. It was not long before one of the students in braces fell and started to weep. Helen stopped running and kneeled by her classmate's side, stroking the teenager's hair to try and comfort the student on the ground. She kept saying to her friend that they were going to be okay. She then helped the student up and held their hand. Other students saw what Helen was doing and joined in holding hands as they crossed the finish line together.

Helen did not come in first in that race. That did not matter to her. She won the hearts of all those who saw her. Helen showed leadership with her compassion toward her classmate, just as Post 60 leads the way with their generous contributions to the Special Olympics.

Merry Christmas, peace and joy to all.



January 2023

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NFL Sunday 1-7pm	2	3 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	4 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	5 SAL Meeting 7 PM	6 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	7 Crime Stoppers 7:30 pm
8 NFL Sunday 1-7pm	9 ALA Meeting 7 PM	10 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	11 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Meeting 7 PM	12 Executive Committee 7 PM	13 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	14 InToneNation 7:30 pm
15 Playoff Sunday 1-7pm	16 Martin L. King, Jr. Day Post Opens 12 pm	17 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	18 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	19 General Assembly 7 PM	20 Mike, Bob & Deb 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	21 Rockabilly Rebels 7:30 pm
22 Playoff Sunday 1-7pm	23	24 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	25 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	26	27 Larry Roberts Band 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	28 Joint Venture 7:30 pm
29 Playoff Sunday 1-7pm	30	31 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM Post Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM			

February 2023

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM			1 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	2 SAL Meeting 7 PM	3 The Grasso Brothers 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	4 Out of Order & Friends 7:30 pm
5	6	7 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	8 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Meeting 7 PM	9 Executive Committee 7 PM	10 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	11 VALENTINE PARTY w/Greater Image 7:30-10:30 pm
12 Post 60 Super Bowl Watch Party	13 ALA Meeting 7 PM	14 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	15 Winey 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
19	20	21 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	22 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	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			Post 60 Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM	



Laurel Post 60 Wreaths across America December 18th, 2022



On December 17 we participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Municipal building and placed wreaths on the graves of veterans interred in Ivy Hill Cemetery. Families and organizations from Laurel joined together to assure that the veterans from all conflicts involving the United States are never forgotten and that their service to assure our freedom is forever honored. A wreath was placed on the grave of Ray Jaquez, a former National Adjutant and long-time member of our Post, who will always be an important part of our history



Photos courtesy of Tim Thomas
and Barbara Rhodes



**Lunch
with Santa
2022**







Santa's Helpers who made it all possible



All Lunch with Santa photos courtesy of Peggy Purcell, Josie Lohman, and John Musgrove

Queen of Hearts Jackpot Raffle and Game Night

At American Legion Post 60

Beginning Wednesday, September 7th, 2022

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

American Legion Post 60

Beginning
January 14th



FOOTBALL PLAYOFF '23

Sundays from 1 to 7PM

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
Guests Must be Signed in at the Door by a Member

Valentine Party

Saturday, February 11th
7:30 until 10:30 PM

Live Music
by...

GREATER IMAGE

Complimentary
Glass of Wine,
a Flower & Chocolate
covered strawberries
for all of the Ladies

Open to all Post Home Members, All Guests must sign in at the door

Happy Hour Prices
During the Game

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

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

PAINT YOUR PET



THE TIPSY
PALETTE
Unit 60

Thursday
Feb. 23, 2023

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 through 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.pinotpalette.com/ellcottcity/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



February 4, 2023, at Sandy Spring State Park. For details see Squadron 60 Commander Eddie Souder.



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
November 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023**

American Legion Post 60
presents

Spring Craft Show



March 25, 2023

9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

American Legion Post 60 Hall
2 Main Street, Laurel, Maryland



Concession Stand, Music,
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

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 Face Book 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/>



PROFIT EARNERS SPORTS

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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.

Please help our local schools by participating in the "Box Tops for Education" program. Schools get cash for every box top collected, it enables them to buy the supplies they need the most. Each coupon is worth 10 cents! Just look for the **Box Tops For Education** label on your favorite products. Shop as you normally would, then simply bring your receipts in to the Post and drop them in the box tops container. We will scan your store receipts to credit Bond Mill and Laurel Elementary School's Box Tops earnings online. Twice a year, the schools receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever they need! To get a complete list of all companies that participate please visit www.btf.com/products Thank you for your support!

Post 60 Officers

Commander	Lee Luby
1 st Vice	John Kilgallon
2nd Vice	Josie Lohman
Judge Advocate	Mike Obremski
Finance Officer	Carl Blackburn
Chaplain	Martin Berman
Service Officer	Fred Mullen
Historian	John Musgrove
Sgt-At-Arms	Tami Zambito
Adjutant	Mac McNally

SAL Squadron 60

Commander	Eddie Souder
1 st Vice	Ray Torres
2nd Vice	Don Worsham
3 rd Vice	Richard Bendt
Finance	Rob Monko
Chaplain	Tony Scovitch
Sgt-At-Arms	Keith Hnilicka
Historian	John Musgrove
Adjutant	Dave Manchas
J. Advocate	Mike Obremski
Advisor	Chris Davis

Auxiliary Unit 60

President	Marcie Zell
1 st Vice	Nancy Slavinski
2nd Vice	Carolyn Monko
Secretary	Lucy Haggerty
Treasurer	Lucy Haggerty
Chaplain	Jo Ann Woltze
Historian	Vacant
Sgt-At-Arms	Denise Person

Legion Riders

Director	Bruce Person
Asst Director	Kevin Newman
Secretary	Christel Lopez-Berryman
Treasurer	Barclay Butler
Sgt-At-Arms	Chris DiPasquale
Chaplain	Charley Buckley
Safety Officer	Pedro Lopez
Road Captain	Lenny Francioni
Membership	Pedro Lopez
Public Affairs	Quinn Harry



Our target audience is over 1500 members, plus a public following!

100 Year Coins from the Department of Maryland are available at Post 60. The beautiful coins are \$10.00 each, and can be purchased from Commander Luby.

sadiesdad54@gmail.com

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The Community
Since 1932

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Commander's Last Shout

Thanks to Rob Delisi, Eddie Souder, Dave Manchac and Rob Monko for fixing the broken pipe in the lounge ceiling.

Thanks to Tom Willey and Dave Manchac for hanging and rearranging the service shields in the lounge.

Thanks to Rob Monko, Dave Manchac, Joe Lohman and John Carmody for drawing the numbers for the Super Bowl pool.

Thanks to Carolyn and Butch Kreamer, Josie Lohman and Peggy O'Neale for helping me deliver the Christmas toys to LARS.

Thanks to our Color Guard and the ALR for participating in the Laurel Christmas parade.

Thanks to Mac McNalley for purchasing the sound system for Post events.

Thanks to Joe Lohman and Mike Obremski for replacing the worn flag at the Legion Memorial at Ivy Hill cemetery.

Thanks to Josie Lohman for ordering the Legion jackets for members.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped serve veterans Christmas dinner on December 17th.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who made the children's Christmas party a success and to Carolyn and Katie for chairing the event.

Thanks to all of the contestants who entered the annual chili cookoff and to Jaime Tompkins for running it.

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

**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.