



The American Legion



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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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"The Fun Post"

January 2024



Commander's Message

Lee Luby



Happy New Year to everyone reading this newsletter! What a busy year we have had, but that is what we are all about, serving the military as well as those who have served. This year has made me proud of all of you and the work that all four units do to assure that we accomplish our goals. 2024 will be just as busy as we undertake the huge job of finishing the Post remodeling and taking on all of the projects that we have planned as well as those that pop up unexpectedly. The Post was scheduled to be closed on January 11th for the work by Home Depot in the game room and hall, but we will be open because the job is delayed until March, so come in and enjoy yourselves.

The only Department holiday this month is Martin Luther King Jr. Day when the Legion celebrates the life and achievements of this noted civil rights leader. The Post will open at 12:00 PM to celebrate and remember his many accomplishments.

This year has been a meaningful and productive one because of the work that all four Units have done to assure that all of our planned goals were met. It is important that we continue to strive to maintain Post 60's place as one of the most productive Posts in the state, and I have no doubt that we will continue to fulfil everything that we plan to do. All of the volunteers welcome the participation of anyone who wants to get involved and will be more than willing to train, as necessary. This year has brought many more helpers to our projects, and we appreciate all of you and what you are doing to help.

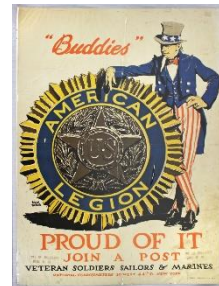
I am proud to announce that we have two new members of our Color Guard team, Tim and CJ Thomas. Our present members are overworked and need the help of new members. Tim and CJ will begin as soon as we get their uniforms, and we welcome them with open arms and encourage others to step up to be a part of this very important Legion team.

As we enter the new year it is important that we remember that we are here for a purpose. The American Legion is a source of fun and enjoyment to anyone who has served or those who is currently serving their country, but it is also our responsibility to support the local government and programs that support our community. Post 60 has always been a source of help to others and will continue to serve and ensure that local charities and programs are supported. All of us can be proud that we are recognized as a source of help to those who need it, and nothing will change in the coming year. It is an honor to be your Commander and I will continue to do everything I can to support you and your programs. With the help of the Executive Committee, we can accomplish anything that we set our minds to, even the most difficult projects. I am confident that we will have a successful year that we can be proud of!

So, let's get started and move forward with our 2024 projects, supporting one another and getting things done. I am always here to listen to your ideas and to help you accomplish your goals. Please don't hesitate to approach me and the other officers with your plans and we will do everything possible to make it work so that 2024 is as successful as 2023. I am confident that we will make it happen!

KEY CARDS!

If your key card does not work, please show the bartender your 2024 membership card so your key can be updated by Commander Luby or Josie Lohman. If you do not have a current 2024 membership, please sign the guest book and see your Commander or President to renew your membership.





Auxiliary Unit 60

ALA President Nancy Slavinski



HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and your family!!

Holidays are enjoyable and well worth the work we put into connecting and celebrating. Winter has settled in so let's keep warm and make the best of it.

A new year brings new happenings so be on the lookout!

The **BASKET OF CHEER** winner drawn on December 22nd was Marilyn Fedczak. Thanks to all who participated in this one-of-a-kind event, so many different options were included in the basket.

The Children's Holiday Party on December 16th was quite the success with approximately 75 attendees, spending time with Santa, making a craft, and having lunch. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this a success – you always come through!! We also want to give a big thanks to Catie for her leadership on the parties and wish her well in her move.

Backpacks of Love is a 501(c)3 non-profit that we would like to share with you. Each child entering foster care receives a Backpack of Love because most kids are placed in foster care in an emergency situation, and they are generally unable to bring any personal items from home. This organization provides basic essentials like a toothbrush/toothpaste, book, toy, clothes, and a blanket. The backpacks are age and gender specific, and they provide the foster youth with everything they need for the first 48 hours of care. For the holidays, the Auxiliary has made a donation to this organization.

Our Winter Wreath Craft Night will be on January 15th, 6:30-9:30 PM, \$35 per person. For more information, please contact Denise Person.

The Queen of Hearts continues on Wednesday evenings-food selection is great and we are getting rave reviews on the variety of offerings. Please come out and join us as the winnings increase and the Queen is still in hiding!

We continue to collect Pull Tabs from cans of any sort so help us assist the Ronald McDonald House. The school supply drive continues with a box in the Lounge for Give 10 to Education for the Laurel Elementary School.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Total members paid to date for FY 2024 are 81% of goal.

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



Renew your 2024 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



Wine and Craft Night Fun!

ALA WINTER WREATH

January 15,
2024
6:30-9:30 PM
\$35.00

Price includes
all materials, 2
complimentary
drinks (Beer,
Wine only) and
desserts!

For more
information see
Denise Person





SAL Squadron 60 Delivers!!



Squadron Elves stepped up and helped Post 60's Head Elf in loading all the toys generously donated by Post 60 members. Martin Caslow, Mike Obremski, Eddie Souder, and Chris Davis assisted Commander Elf Luby in getting the goods into the hands of one of Santa's Helpers who rushed them to the North Pole.

Thanks to all who supported this effort!



Queen of Hearts Jackpot Raffle and Game Night

At American Legion Post 60

Beginning Wednesday, September 6th, 2023

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

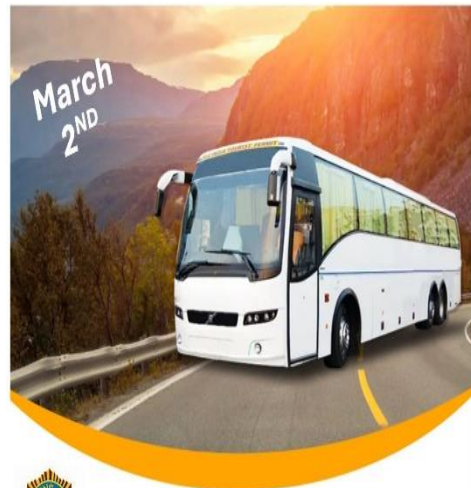
Remember - Only Members are Permitted to Play

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



**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment Commander's Project**

DRAW DOWN

Saturday, March 2, 2024 3pm.-7pm.

**DON'T GET LEFT BEHIND!
GET ON THAT BUS!**

Perryville Firehouse
920 Principio Furnace
Rd, Perryville MD
\$50 admits 2!
Dinner, draft beer &
limited open bar.
Horse Races, Draw
Down, Wheel, Cake, &
Silent Auction. 50/50,
Pull Tabs, Etc.
Multiple chances to
win during the Draw
Down!

Transportation will be
provided! Bus leaves
Post 60 @ 2pm and
returns @ 8pm. Please
see Joe Lohman for
tickets and sign up for
the bus.



Post 60 Entertainment

Josie Lohman

2nd Vice Commander



WOW-2024! I am looking forward to another successful year. Our members have been supportive, dedicated and overall wonderful throughout 2023. Thank you for being a member of the "fun" post. Your monetary donations, whether it be by Keno, pull tabs, "Sparkle Room" or just enjoying a beverage from time to time, are always appreciated. Every little bit helps.

This past year Post members went wild over the football pools. We have five Super Bowl pools, two \$100 pools and one each of \$50, \$20 and \$10. All of them were gone and paid for before the end of 2023. I know some of you missed out, so please keep this in mind when next year's pools come out. You have to buy your squares early! The Post 60 Super Bowl party is once again going to be in the hall and lounge. Please remember ALL monies taken in for Super Bowl pools are paid back out, except for the \$50 pool, a portion of that will go to the Commander's Project. This is why the event is potluck, well one of the reasons any way. Our members never disappoint at potlucks, so please feel free to wow me with your favorite dish to share. We will be providing hot dogs and all the fixings for you to create your own masterpiece dog!

We had a wonderful turnout for our Christmas Eve Party, thank you to everyone who brought one of the many wonderful dishes to share. It was great seeing everyone and especially nice to see all our members that drove in from out of town to celebrate with us.

Thank you to the volunteers who stepped up to help decorate the hall for New Years. Without them, ringing in the New Year wouldn't have been quite as memorable, and memorable it definitely was! Crush was awesome; we danced and partied right into the New Year.

I hope to see you all soon at Post 60, come on in and visit us on Winey Wednesday for the Queen of Hearts drawing or maybe Friday or Saturday night to listen to one of the great bands that come in. Whatever night you chose, I can just about guarantee you will have FUN!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

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

**FRIDAY
FOOD
FESTIVAL**

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT FROM 5:30 - 8 PM AT POST 60

1ST & 3RD (& 5TH) FRIDAY
CANTEEN 60
Where Something Good
Is Always Cooking
By Squadron 60

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY
P & G CATERING
Classic Favorites with
a Modern Twist
By Patricia King

BECAUSE VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE!



Joe's Journey Joe Lohman SAL Detachment of MD



Happy New Year!!

I hope everyone had a safe and peaceful holiday. Now it is time to get back to work serving our veterans and community. The next several months will be busy with meetings and fundraisers.

Last month I had the honor of presenting a check to the Maryland Special Olympics on behalf of the Detachment of Maryland for \$15,000. This is a program we started about 6 years ago as the primary sponsor of their annual bowling tournament for our state athletes. We had great participation from the Laurel Post 60 family.



Additional photos of this event can be found at <https://www.jeffthornephotography.com/All-Unlisted-Folders/MDSAL/n-PRzLxB/MD-SAL-2023/2023-SOMD-Bowling/>

The caravan team visited four American Legion Posts in the Northern Central Region during the weekend of November 25th (Dundalk Post 38, Essex Post 148, Towson Post 22 and Jackson and Johnson Memorial Post 263 in Catonsville). We were happy to have SAL NCR Commander Dave Hullihan and SAL NCR Adjutant Mark Sprucebank with us on this trip. This makes 19 American Legion Posts that the caravan has visited since July. The next scheduled trip will be January 6th, 2024, across the ditch in the Eastern Shore. Anyone from Post 60 is invited to the caravan trips but must cover their own expenses and transportation. If you are interested in attending with the caravan team, please send me an email at jja102@verizon.net.

Our next big fundraiser supporting my project will be the Detachment Drawdown that will be hosted by Squadron 135 in Perryville. The event is on March 2nd, 2024, from 3pm to 7pm at the Perryville Firehouse. Tickets are \$50, that admits two people. The event features horse races, money wheel, cake wheel, silent auction, pull tabs and more. The ticket also includes dinner, a limited open bar and transportation to/from the event. Please see Mike Obremski or me for tickets.

The Super Bowl pool (\$50 a square) is now full. I want to thank everyone who has purchased a ticket to support the youth camp project.

Squadron 136 in Greenbelt is raffling off a Solo Stove which includes a \$100 gift card. Half of the proceeds benefit my Commanders project, and the other half benefits our Jr. Commanders Project. I have tickets if anyone is interested.

Thank you again for all your support,

Joe Lohman

Commander

Detachment of Maryland



What happens at the Department of Maryland Christmas Party, stays at the party!!



SONS OF THE
AMERICAN
LEGION

Photo credits: Jeff Thorne, Josie Lohman

January 2024

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day Post Opens@1200	2 Open Darts Night 7pm	3 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	4 SAL Meeting 7 pm	5 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	6 Honky Tonk Casinos 7:30 pm
7 NFL Sunday 1-7pm	8 Color Guard Meeting 6:30 pm	9 Open Darts Night 7pm ALA Mtg 7 pm	10 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Mtg 7 pm	11 Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm	12 Mike, Deb. & Bob 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	13 Greater Image 7:30 pm
14 NFL Playoffs	15 ALA Craft Night Winter Wreath 6:30-9:30 pm	16 Open Darts Night 7pm	17 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	18 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	19 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	20 Out of Order 7:30 pm
21 NFL Playoffs	22	23 Open Darts Night 7pm	24 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	25	26 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	27 Larry Roberts Band 7:30 pm
28 NFL Playoffs	29	30 Open Darts Night 7pm	31 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM		

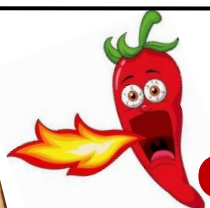
Post 60 Kitchen is Open
Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM

February 2024

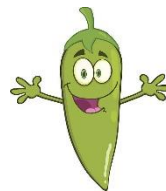
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 SAL Meeting 7 pm	2 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	3 Gary & the Groove 7:30 pm
4	5 Color Guard Practice 6:30 PM	6 Open Darts Night 7pm	7 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	8 Executive Committee 7 pm	9 Joint Venture 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	10 3 'til Midnight 7:30 pm
11 Super Bowl Sunday 5:30 pm	12 ALA Mtg 7 PM	13 Open Darts Night 7pm	14 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Mtg 7 PM	15 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	16 Gary Brown 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	17 The Stillwater Band 7:30 pm
18	19	20 Open Darts Night 7pm	21 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	22	23 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	24 Island Breeze 7:30 pm
25	26	27 Open Darts Night 7pm	28 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	29	Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM	

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POST 60'S 16TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF



SPICY
1st Place-Steve Tompkins



MILD
1st Place-Ray Torrez



SPICY
2nd Place-John Brinton



MILD
2nd Place-Mike Shawver





*Post 60
New Year's Eve
December 31st, 2023*





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**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Photo credits: Josie Lohman

*Happy Hour Prices
During the Game*

Lounge & Hall

**AMERICAN LEGION
POST 60**

GAME ON

**Superbowl
Sunday**

5:30

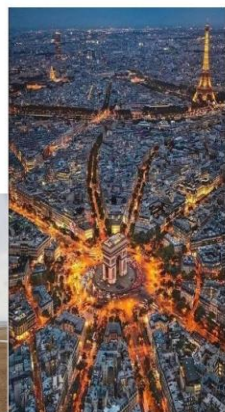
FEBRUARY 11, 2024

POTLUCK - Bring a dish or snack to share and join the fun!

Please see the sign-up sheet at the lounge events kiosk

Open to all Post Home Members & their Guests

ESCORTED TOUR - NORMANDY, PARIS, LOIRE VALLEY 11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS



2024 will mark 80 years since D-Day at Omaha Beach. This escorted tour is organized by a local ALA member for next September and is open to all adults. Limited slots available! Travel insurance and payment plans available. Free refreshments provided at information meetings!

Other tours: Greece 9d/7n – October 2024. If interested in either, email allabroadjourneys@gmail.com to be placed on info meeting list.

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



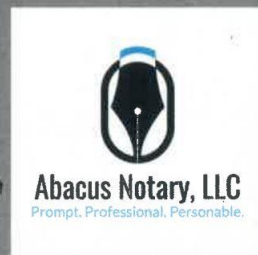
THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY Ongoing Community Outreach Programs



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.

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Notary Public/Loan Signing Agent
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Post 60 Officers

Commander	Lee Luby
1st Vice	Vacant
2nd Vice	Josie Lohman
Judge Advocate	Richard Harding
Finance Officer	Vacant
Chaplain	Martin Berman
Service Officer	Leroy Bell
Historian	John Musgrove
Sgt-at-Arms	Melvin Campbell
Adjutant	Mac McNally

SAL Squadron 60

Commander	Rob Monko
1st Vice	Eddie Souder
2nd Vice	Tom Allen
3rd Vice	John Brinton
Finance	Martin Caslow
Chaplain	Tony Scovitch
Sgt-at-Arms	Charlie Turner
Historian	John Musgrove
Adjutant	Dave Manchas
Parliamentarian	M. Obremski
Advisor	Chris Davis

Auxiliary Unit 60

President	Nancy Slavinski
1st Vice	Carolyn Monko
2nd Vice	Catie Stearns
Secretary	Lucy Haggerty
Treasurer	Tris Thomas
Chaplain	Lisa Ertz
Historian	Vacant
Sgt-at-Arms	Denise Person

Legion Riders

Director	Lenny Francioni
Asst Director	Rona Francioni
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

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Serving
Veterans and
The Community
Since 1932

POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

Commander's Last Shout

Thanks to everyone who contributed food to our Christmas party. What a great feast it was!

Thanks to Butch for DJing the party. It was great to have him back!

Thanks to Butch's daughter for knitting the socks for Post 60 Members.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the annual Chili Cookoff and to all the winners.
12 entries this year--the most ever!

Thanks to the Auxiliary and all of the volunteers who made this year's Christmas Party the best ever and for the "Giving Tree" which benefitted Laurel Elementary School - Give 10 to Education, The Blue Ribbon Project for Foster Children, and Peace on Patuxent for women with cancer.

Thanks to Tris Thomas for selling the Legion's fund-raising pool Gold Nuggets during football games.

Thanks to Dave Manchas for taking care of our baseball field all year and for repairing our picnic tables.

Thanks to Rob Monko for making the delicious eggnog for our Christmas party.

Thanks to Josie Lohman for all she does as Second Vice Commander. Keeping up the football pools and the food during the games is overwhelming, and then there's all the rest of the jobs she does. AMAZING!!!!

Thanks to all of you for coming into the Post and supporting all of our programs during the year. Keep it up! We depend on you to keep us going.

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 Tuesday

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.