



The American Legion



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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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The Power of One

Ashish Ram

One song can spark a moment,
One whisper can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship,
One moment can make one fall in love.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.

One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room.
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.

One step must start each journey.
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true,
One life can make a difference,
You see, it's up to you!

BE THE ONE



Josie Lohman
Commander, AL Post 60





Post 60 Entertainment
Tim Thomas
2nd Vice Commander



Welcome to 2025, Post 60! Last year was a great one for the Post, let's hope this year is just as much fun.

I hope everyone enjoyed their time with family and friends this Holiday Season. Thanks to all of you who came out and rang in the New Year at our Post's party. It looked like everyone had a great time.



January is a pretty slow month for events, it gives everyone a chance to recuperate from the holidays. One thing that never slows down is our weekend entertainment, we have a DJ or Band scheduled for every Friday and Saturday night. Come out on the 4th to listen to a new band for our post, The Grey Dog Band, playing a mix of classic rock, blues, country, contemporary and original music. Take a look at the Calendar for other scheduled bands, I'm sure you'll find one of your favorites there.

Get ready for the Super Bowl! That is what's on the schedule next. Join us on February 9th, the game will be on our big screens in the lounge and Allen Hall. The Post will be providing some food, but this is a potluck event. Time to pull out those recipe cards again and WOW us with your favorite football fare. Please sign up at the events kiosk so we don't have too many desserts; is there really such a thing? Football, food, friends, and fun – that's what it's all about!



I would like to take a minute to thank all the volunteers who helped out on Sundays and those who donated to keep the Sunday Football Food replenished. I would also like to say a special thank you to my wife Tris, she was at my side every Sunday helping out. Because of my extensive work schedule, she even stepped up a few times and took care of it, in my absence, with some help from Commander Lohman.



Congratulations to Michelle Natale for winning the Electric Bike Raffle! She is now ready to join the ALR!! 😊

And lastly, I hope everyone has a great 2025. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone throughout the year. We have 12 new chapters to fill, let's make the most of each one!






Auxiliary Unit 60
Nancy Slavinski
ALA President



Happy New Year!! Hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and bringing in the New Year. We are back to business this month with our meeting to start off the year on January 13.

Denise's Craft Corner: The fourth of four events (**Seascape Centerpiece**) is on the list for Monday, January 27, from 6:30-9:30PM. Please contact Denise or sign up in the Lounge. What a great way to spend the evening with friends.



Auxiliary Unit 60 presents
 Denise's Craft Corner

Create Your Own Coastal Centerpiece

Date: Monday, January 27, 2025
Time: 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

\$40.00 Per Person includes materials and instructions plus a complimentary glass of wine or beer and dessert

Contact Denise Person 443-486-2299

Payment by cash or check. Make checks payable to: American Legion Auxiliary Post 60

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.

Holiday Children's Party was December 15. Denise had a planning meeting on December 2nd to get things moving and it was a success in the end for all who attended. Kudos to all who volunteered to help Denise with setup, assembling tables, lunch, and more. The goodie bags and Santa are always a big hit!!

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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.

The pop-top program will continue so please contribute those aluminum can pop-tops (any can) for us to support the chosen organization (Backpacks of Love). 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...container in the Lounge.

Thanks to all who donated toys for the LARS/Ft. Meade toy drive from to make many children happy.

Laurel Elementary School provided a list of needed school supplies. Items were purchased by Nancy, and she and her husband, Frank, made the delivery. Everyone is a winner – school, students, and ALA for providing the tools needed to have a productive school year.

December Raffle Basket – ALA Mission BBQ raffle basket was on display from December 19-30th in the Lounge. And, the winner is Sandy Griffin. This raffle is one of the favorites among our Legion members and we are happy that it was successful, again. Thanks to all who participated.

ALA Contact info:

President - Nancy Sgambato Slavinski,
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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**



Happy New Year to everyone. Reminder - your white door card will stop working in January if you have not paid your membership dues for 2025, so please members, to pay your dues so that I can update your card.

Post 60 has moved up from 5th place to 3rd place in Posts that have 501-750 members and our renewal rate is 72.58%. This is great for December, but we need to make an effort to reach 100% by eliminating the remaining 27.42%. Our first January rating is the 3rd and hopefully we will be even closer to our 100% goal so that we can hang another banner in our lounge. We have reached 100% membership for many years in a row, so let's do it again.

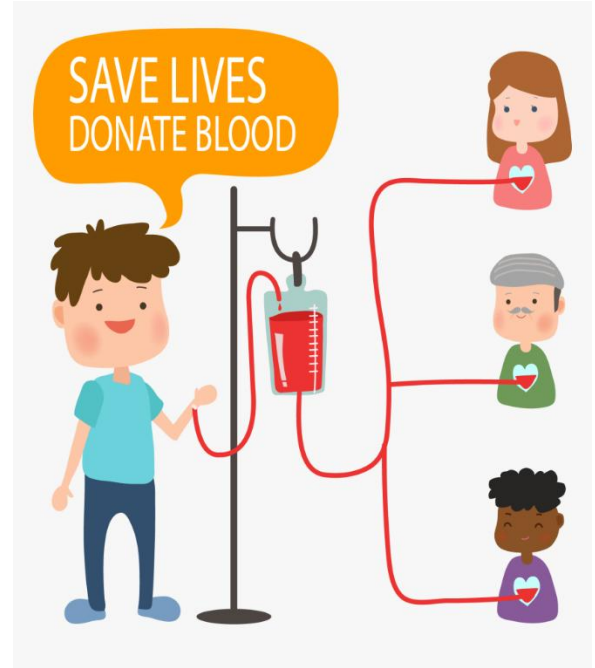


**APR 2025 Blood Drive
David Tyson
Coordinator**



Our next scheduled blood drive at Post 60 will be held on Monday April 28th. We are looking forward to having a record number of donors join us, so **PLEASE SAVE the DATE!**

MONDAY APRIL 28, 2025



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**

**SONS OF THE
AMERICAN
LEGION**



AL Riders Lenny Francioni Director



Happy New Year, and welcome to 2025!
I hope all had a great holiday season. What a busy December!

We had our Christmas party at Tampico Grill in which 28 wonderful folks attended, and some great gifts were exchanged.



Also, the Legion Family and the ALR laid wreaths at Ivy Hill Cemetery. What a great turn out for this event.



On Friday the 20th, we had the "Lots of Loot" finale where five lucky winners won \$500.00, each! Congrats to them, and thanks to Mr. Joe Lohman for all the hard work and dedication during the 12 weeks.



AND, let's not forget the upcoming annual [Polar Bear Plunge](#) at Sandy Point, MD, on January 31st, 2025



And finally, I would like to thank all those who have worked in the Post 60 Kitchen and sold 50/50 tickets for the past year!



We look forward to the coming year, and the many-a-miles we can hopefully put on our motorcycles.
V/R
Lenny

Lunch with SANTA 15 DEC 2024



...and the GRINCH, too!

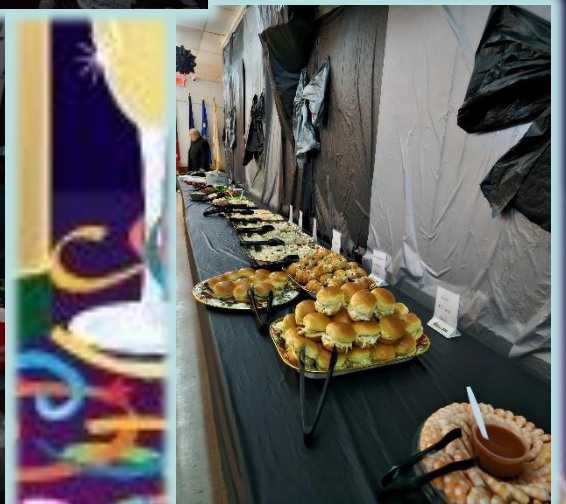


December at the "Fun Post" (It wasn't just for the Kids!)



Wreaths Across Laurel!







January 2025



The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Wednesday is Winey Wednesday 4 pm - Closing 	Happy Hour Mon - Fri 4 to 7 PM		1 New Years Day Post opens at 1200	2 SAL Meeting 7 pm	3 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	4 Grey Dog Band 7:30 pm
5 NFL Playoffs 	6 Color Guard Meeting 6:30 pm	7	8 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Mtg 7 pm	9 Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm	10 The Groove Quest 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	11 3 'til Midnight 7:30 pm
12 NFL Playoffs 	13 ALA Mtg 7 pm	14	15 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	16 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	17 Acoustic Cafe 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	18 InToneNation 7:30 pm
19 NFL Playoffs 	20 Martin Luther King Birthday Post opens at 1200	21	22 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	23	24 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	25 Out of Order 7:30 pm
26 NFL Playoffs 	27	28	29 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	30	31 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 Bingo)	



P&G Catering Every Friday in the Kitchen
5:30 to 8 PM



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 8 PM			1 Heat 7:30 pm
2	3	4	5 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	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 Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm 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 SAL)	15 Different Sisters 7:30 pm
16	17 President's Day Post opens at 1200	18	19 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	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 Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	27	28 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	



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

Winter Menu

— JAN 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 —

APPETIZERS

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

ENTREES

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

FAMILY FAVORITES

Ultimate Mixed Grill (Ck, steak and chorizo)	\$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

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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/>



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.

Nancy Sgambato Slavinski

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

Auxiliary Unit 60

President	Nancy Slavinski
1st Vice	Carolyn Monko
2nd Vice	Denise Person
Secretary	Lucy Haggerty
Treasurer	Tris Thomas
Chaplain	Barbara Rhodes
Historian	Vacant
Sgt-at-Arms	Chaitra Chambers

Legion Riders

Director	Lenny Francioni
Asst Director	Pedro Lopez
Secretary	Christel Lopez-Berryman
Treasurer	Barclay Butler
Sgt-at-Arms	Chris DiPasquale
Chaplain	Charley Buckley
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Commander's Last Shout

Thank you to everyone that braved the cold weather to join us at City Hall for Wreath's Across America.

Thank you to James Owens, aka Jimmo Clause for his wonderful performance as Santa at our children's party.

Thank you to Larry Morrell for his debut as The Grinch at the Christmas party, he proved to be just as popular as Santa.

Thank you to our Color Guard members who have been practicing for the National competition in August.

Thank you to Sandy Stoner who brings wonderful treats to share during the Queen on Wednesdays.

Thanks to Ann Jochum for making copies of the Super Bowl pools for everyone.

Thank you to Rob and Carloyn Monko for their many years of working the Friday night kitchen, enjoy your time and your grandbabies.

Thank you to our wonderful newsletter committee for once again providing a fantastic year of hard work.

Thank you to David Privott, our Unofficial "Official" Post 60 Photographer!!

Thank you to Tim and Tris Thomas for all their hard work in creating a beautiful New Year's evening for our members and guests.

Thank you to our Post 60 family members that helped cleanup after the NYE party.

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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