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## Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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*“The Fun Post”*

July 2024



**Commander’s Message**  
**Josie Lohman**



Happy Birthday America! As always, we will be celebrating at Post 60 with our annual picnic on Thursday July 4th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Please consider bringing your favorite dish to share, we need something to eat to complement all those burgers and dogs!

The City of Laurel’s 4th of July celebration will be held on Saturday, July 6. Post 60 will be very active in the festivities, our ALR will be leading the parade that morning and our very own Mike Templeton will be coordinating a car show as well. The best part is always saved for last and our Squadron 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Eddie Souder will be behind the scenes to light up the sky that night with one of the best fireworks shows in the area. People come from away miles just to see it. Be sure to get there early so you can find yourself a great viewing spot and watch as Eddie delivers his grand finale to this wonderful celebration.

Post 60 has nine delegates representing us on July 15th through the 19th at the Department of Maryland Convention in Ocean City. Hopefully some of our attendees will take some time to themselves and have a nice dinner and enjoy the beach at least one of those days. Safe travels to all.

Congratulations to Michael Obremski, the newly installed Detachment of Maryland Commander. I hope you will all join me in showing him some Post 60 family support. I'm sure he will represent the detachment well and make Post 60 proud, Go Mike!



**1st Vice Commander**  
**Lee Luby**



The end of the membership year is here, and all four Units of Post 60 have made the grade--100% for the entire Post.

While accomplishing such amazing membership goals Post 60 has not lost sight of the most important American Legion issues, programs concerning the community, state and nation. In addition to reaching our membership goals, we have given large contributions of money and services to these programs and have not ignored our obligation to support those who need our help. Congratulations to all of you and remember that we will do the same next year.

Post 60 will always be there to support Legion programs in addition to achieving membership goals, and you will continue to make us proud with your hard work!

**To receive monthly newsletters, events planned for the next week and important information for Laurel Post 60, please email the address below to be included.**

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**Auxiliary Unit 60  
Nancy Slavinski  
ALA President**



*Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to one and all!! The Declaration of Independence marks this special day for the country. Fireworks, cookouts, parades, and more will cover the weekend around the 4<sup>th</sup>. Take time to reflect and enjoy the festivities.*

**A Great turnout at the June 20 installation event for all units.** The Auxiliary is looking forward to the coming year on all fronts – membership, a variety of events, supporting Unit 60 designated charities, participating in Legion activities, and last, but not least, having fun.

**Beach Basket Raffle** are on sale now and the winner will be drawn on July 31. Tickets are 6 for \$5. Don't miss out – it's quite the basket for summer fun. Please see Nancy, Denise, Josie or the Bartender to purchase tickets.

**Craft events** will be scheduled throughout the 2024-2025 year. Be on the lookout soon for the first one. Many members enjoy this night out, so we plan to keep them on our event list.

**Game night on Wednesdays** – Barbara Rhodes and Peggy Purcell along with Tris Thomas will handle the Wednesday night games from June through August. Queen of Hearts will start up in September but, in the interim, please join us.

**Convention in Ocean City** is just around the corner. We are looking forward to learning new information to make the next year even better.

**Carolyn Monko will be Chair for the October 20 crab feast.** She is in search of volunteers to help with set up, clean up, serving, desserts and, if we have them, board games for attendees. Please contact Carolyn directly if you are interested in helping, or sign-up at our next meeting.



**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** Our membership is now at 100% with 297 paid members (both senior and junior). Our department goal was 295 which puts us one over. Our goal plus was 299 and we reached that number after voting in the two newest members on June 10.

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](mailto:carlymon4@gmail.com)

**Track It Forward:** Please remember to enter your hours or contact Carolyn or me for assistance. It is important for all Legion units to record their hours to support National.

**The pop-top program** will continue so please contribute those aluminum can pop-tops (any can) for us to support this year's organization, Backpacks of Love. Our Give 10 to Education program for 2024-2025 will benefit Scotchtown Hills Elementary School. We will also continue to support LARS, so please consider donating dry or canned goods...a container is in the Lounge.





**Squadron 60**  
**Robert Monko**  
**SQDN 60 Commander**



Greetings SAL Members,

I want to thank all the officers who served this past year and welcome our newly elected officers and executive committee members who will be carrying the torch forward in the new year. We have a lot of work to do, and together we can achieve another successful year. But first, let's talk about renewing your membership to the SAL. That's right, membership renewals begin on July 1<sup>st</sup> so come down to the post and renew your membership to the squadron. In addition, we have a crab feast to prepare for on Saturday the 20th, and two weeks later, on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, our Annual Car Show takes place on Marr Field.

Lastly, a very special thank you goes out to Vice-Commander Eddie Souder who once again enabled Squadron 60 to be recognized with Four Gold Stars for membership this year; we are 354 members strong. In addition, he logged over 500 plus hours chairing and working our Queen of Hearts while also being the chairman for Special Olympics for the Maryland Detachment. Which leads me to two other Squadron 60 members to be recognized and congratulated: Detachment Past Commander, Joe Lohman who reset the bar for leadership at the detachment with a very successful year; and newly elected Detachment Commander, Mike Obremski who now has his hands full following Joe. I am sure he has something up his sleeve to make his mark. We wish him the best of luck during his term as leader of the Detachment.

Here's to looking forward to another successful year!

For God and Country,  
 Squadron Commander Monko



**Post 60 Entertainment**  
**Tim Thomas**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander**



Welcome to the "Dog Days of Summer"!

I know it's difficult, but I hope everyone is staying cool and hydrated. There are always cool beverages available at Post 60 to help you with this, our frozen drinks really hit the spot on a hot day.

Congratulations to all of the Unit and Commander Award winners, each one of you are a great asset to Post 60 and very deserving of the recognition. Also, congratulations to all of our incoming and returning officers from all 4 units. This sure is stacking up to be a great year!

In June we enjoyed a few new bands, and I am working on getting them back for you. I value feedback from everyone, if you have any comments about a band, please let me know. July will bring us another full slate of entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. Why not grab a few friends and come on in for a cool beverage, I know you want to try out our frozen drinks now that I've mentioned them.

On the 4th of July we will have our annual potluck with DJ Butch playing everyone's favorite tunes, and he loves getting request! This is one of our most popular festivities, from 1pm - 3pm the hall will be filled with our Post 60 family. If you are not bringing a covered dish or dessert, it would be greatly appreciated if you would make a small donation. Post 60 will be providing all the burgers and hot dogs, please sign up at the events kiosk so we have enough for everyone.

I am sending out a weekly email on Sunday mornings that will include the events happening in the upcoming week. Imagine, never missing another fun event! Just send an email to laurelpost60newsandevents@gmail.com and type in a short message asking to be included on the weekly updates. This will also be used to communicate important information that may be useful to you. I promise no spam, and we will NEVER sell your address to someone else!

I hope everyone has a great summer. Whether you have a fun vacation planned or you're just relaxing at home, be safe everyone!





### American Legion Riders Lenny Francioni



Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July from the Riders of Post 60!

Now that we are into a new year, I want everyone to ride safe and stay cool. It will be hot out, stay well hydrated. The Chapter is rolling into its 14<sup>th</sup> year as an organized group, and we are the strongest and most vibrant we have ever been. Thank you ALL for everything you do to make this chapter what it is, and that's OUTSTANDING!

Thanks to the Post for a great installation and we look forward to the coming year and helping our Legion Family.

Lenny  
Director ALR Post 60



### Flag Retirement Charlie Turner SQDN 60



Squadron 60 held a Flag Day flag retirement ceremony on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, where a total of 354 flags were retired during the ceremony. The event was attended by MD 1st Vice Detachment Commander Mike Obremski, Squadron Commander Rob Monko, and Squadron members Eddie Souder, Charlie Turner, Past Squadron Commander Mark Duff, Carolyn Monko and special thanks to Dave Manchaf for getting the firepit ready.

Additionally, a special ceremony was conducted for the casket flag of Selma Obremski's husband who died while serving in WWII.



## THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ANNOUNCES OUR 10TH ANNUAL BIKE & CAR SHOW



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SUN,  
AUGUST  
4TH  
9A-3P

FAMILY  
FRIENDLY  
EVENT

#### SCHEDULE TO FOLLOW:

- Registration 9am-Noon,
- \$20 per vehicle
- Event Hosted by "Bombers Car Club"
- Dash Plaques,
- Top 30 Awards, etc
- Vendors, auction, air conditioned lounge and hall
- Free entry for spectators
- Roll H-A-R-L-E-Y-for a chance to win a 2024 Heritage Harley- Davidson



**AMERICAN LEGION  
POST 60**

**CONTACT EVENT  
CHAIRMAN:**

2 Main St. Laurel,MD  
20707

Mike Templeton  
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# AL Post 60 Officer Installation 2024-2025



2024-2025 SAL Squadron 60 Officers



“I am in control here.”



2024-2025 ALA Unit 60 Officers



2024-2025 ALR Unit 60 Officers







# AL Post 60 2023-2024 Honorees



Josie Lohman  
Legionnaire of the Year'  
Honorary Life Member



Joe Lohman  
SAL Member of the Year



Denise Person  
ALR  
Member of the Year



Carolyn Monko  
ALA Member of the Year



Eddie Souder  
Post 60  
Citation for  
Meritorious Service



# July 2024

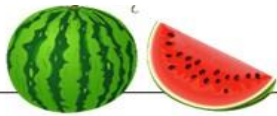


## The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 <b>Winey</b> Wednesday 4 pm ALA Game Night 6 PM	4 <b>July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic</b> 1-3 pm w/ DJ Butch Post Opens 12:00 pm	5 <b>DJ Butch</b> 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	6 <b>Intonation</b> 7:30 pm
7	8 <b>NO ALA Meeting</b>	9	10 <b>Winey</b> Wednesday 4 pm ALR Meeting 7:00 pm ALA Game Night 6 PM	11 <b>NO Exec</b> <b>Committee</b> <b>Meeting</b> SAL Meeting--7 pm	12 <b>The Groove Quest</b> 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	13 <b>Gary &amp; the</b> <b>Groove</b> 7:30 pm
14	15	16	17 <b>Winey</b> Wednesday 4 pm ALA Game Night 6 PM	18 <b>NO</b> <b>General Assembly</b> <b>Meeting</b>	19 <b>Rockabilly Rebels</b> 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	20 <b>Out of Order</b> 7:30 pm <b>Crab Feast</b> 4:00-7:00 pm <b>DJ Butch</b>
21	22 <b>Color Guard</b> <b>Meeting 6:30 pm</b>	23	24 <b>Winey</b> Wednesday 4 pm ALA Game Night 6 PM	25	26 <b>DJ Butch</b> 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	27 <b>Honky Tonk</b> <b>Casnovas</b> 7:30 pm
28	29	30	31 <b>Winey</b> Wednesday 4 pm ALA Game Night 6 PM	<b>Happy Hour</b> <b>Monday - Friday</b> <b>4 to 7 PM</b>		



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



# August 2024



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Happy Hour</b> <b>Monday - Friday</b> <b>4 to 7 PM</b>				1 <b>SAL Meeting</b> 7 pm	2 <b>DJ Butch</b> 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 C&Y)	3 <b>Crush</b> 7:30 pm
4 <b>Squadron 60</b> <b>Annual Car &amp;</b> <b>Bike Show</b> 9:00 am-3:00 pm	5 <b>Color Guard</b> <b>Meeting 6:30 PM</b>	6	7 <b>Winey</b> Wednesday 4 pm	8 <b>Exec. Committee</b> <b>Meeting</b> 7 pm	9 <b>Echo</b> 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 SAL)	10 <b>DJ Butch</b> <b>Bartenders Challenge</b> 7:30 pm
11	12 <b>ALA Member's</b> <b>Meeting 7pm</b>	13	14 <b>Winey</b> Wednesday 4 pm ALR Meeting 7pm	15 <b>General Assembly</b> <b>Meeting</b> 7 pm	16 <b>Lost &amp; Found</b> 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	17 <b>The Stillwater</b> <b>Band</b> 7:30 pm
18	19	20	21 <b>Winey</b> Wednesday 4 pm	22	23 <b>Mike, Deb,</b> <b>&amp; Bob</b> 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	24 <b>Wild Grey Hairz</b> 7:30 pm
25	26	27	28 <b>Winey</b> Wednesday 4 pm	29	30 <b>DJ Butch</b> 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 Bingo)	31 <b>3 'til Midnight</b> 7:30 pm

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**SUMMER FUN**  
WITH UNIT 60

3 Card Bar Bingo



**Start Date**  
June 12

**A VARIETY OF GAMES**  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
**AT 6:00 PM**

*All Proceeds to Benefit the Auxiliary Programs & Events*

**POST 60**  
**AMERICAN LEGION**  
**4<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**Independence Day Picnic**      **1 to 3PM**  
**Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Please sign-up at the Events**  
**Kiosk by Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**  
*(head count needed for the burgers & dogs)*

*A Covered Dish, Dessert, or Snack to share is requested, otherwise a \$5 contribution will gratefully be accepted.*

Music by  
**DJ Butch!**

**For all Post Home Members & their Family**



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**Renew your 2025 ALA membership**

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For additional information contact:  
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[Membershipunit60@gmail.com](mailto:Membershipunit60@gmail.com)

Please note: Dual members must pay through Unit 60 Auxiliary

**American Legion Auxiliary**

**Blood Drive**  
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As we are entering the critical summer months which are always a challenge for the American Red Cross in making sure that blood supplies are on the shelves when most needed. During these times it can be difficult for the Red Cross to maintain a sufficient blood supply when the donations go out the door faster than they can be collected. Blood shortages can delay essential medical care for our families and friends. Please help us show that we care, sign up to donate.

**Save the Date: Monday, 12 August 2024**  
**Date: Monday, 12 August**  
**Time: 1:00 PM- 6:00 PM**  
**Place: The American Legion Post 60**  
**2 Main St.**  
**Laurel, MD**

You can register at this time. To sign up, please log into:

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
Location: American Legion Post 60

**American Red Cross**



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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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, 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month to make it into the current newsletter. Submissions after that date will make it into the following month's newsletter.**

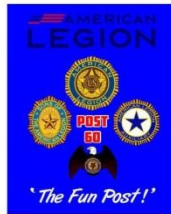
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## THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY Ongoing Community Outreach Programs

# 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.

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### SAL Squadron 60

### Auxiliary Unit 60

### Legion Riders

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2ndVice	Tim Thomas
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Finance Officer	Pedro Lopez
Chaplain	Martin Berman
Service Officer	Leroy Bell
Historian	John Musgrove
Sgt-at-Arms	Melvin Campbell
Adjutant	Mac McNally

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

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

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

Thank you, Peggy Purcell and Barbara Rhodes, for helping with the bingo food on Friday night.

Thank you, Denise Person, for giving up your valuable time to help sell various tickets.

Thank you, ALA Unit 60 members, for helping with the clean-up after installation.

Thank you, Lenny Francioni, for helping put the tables back together for bingo.

Thanks Bernie and Mark Schmidt for driving long distances to help us out!

**WE**   
**VOLUNTEERS**

### 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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