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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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July 2026



Josie Lohman
Commander, AL Post 60



Lee Luby
1st Vice Commander



As July begins, we look forward to celebrating our nation's 250th birthday with pride, honor, and remembrance for those who helped shape our country. I also ask our Post family to reflect on and honor those who have helped make our Post successful. Through hard work, laughter, tears, and dedication, so many people have helped us reach our goals, and we are grateful for each of you. Whether you have been here through the difficult times or have recently joined and are getting to know your fellow brothers and sisters, please know that you are appreciated. As we begin a new Legion year, take a moment to acknowledge those around you with a smile, a hug, or a wave, and remind them that they matter. Our Post is more than a place to gather; it is a place to volunteer, grow, and become part of something larger than ourselves. Our time in this world is not guaranteed, but what we do with the time we have means everything.

Several events and Post activities are coming up in the next few months. Our Color Guard will once again be practicing for the National Competition, this time in Louisville, Kentucky. Please wish them luck! The Department of Maryland's 108th Convention in Ocean City is quickly approaching, July 14–17th. For those attending for the week, don't miss Monday's wonderful SMR Fish Fry.

Please consider joining us for the 4th of July picnic and/or the parade that we will be participating in. All are welcomed to join us for our Nations celebration.

The SAL Crab Feast is July 25th and there are still tickets available.

We set a new record! When membership closed on June 10th, Post 60 ended the 2025–2026 year at 107.195%. Thank you to everyone who renewed and encouraged fellow members to do the same.

Let's make 2026–2027 another successful year!





Post 60 Entertainment

Tim Thomas
2nd Vice Commander



I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and finding opportunities to spend time with family and friends. June was another busy month at Post 60, and as always, it would not have been possible without our dedicated volunteers. Thank you to everyone who continues to give their time and energy to make our Post such a special place.

July is shaping up to be an exciting month for Post 60. On **July 4th**, we will celebrate America's 250th birthday with our annual **Potluck Picnic from 1:00 PM until approximately 4:00 PM**. The Post will provide food from the grill, and we ask everyone attending to bring a covered dish or dessert to share. DJ Butch will be providing music during the picnic, and later that evening, **The Wild Grey Hairz** will be performing in the lounge beginning at 7:00 PM. We will also be drawing the winning tickets for the Color Guard 50/50 fundraiser as soon as the Color Guard returns from the parade. Tickets will be available for purchase during the potluck. Please see Tris if you would like to support the Color Guard and purchase tickets.

I would like to personally thank everyone who has assisted with our **Laurel 4th of July Parade Float**. It has been a fun project that showcases both our pride in America and the American Legion's commitment to veterans, our community, and our nation's history. I look forward to seeing many of you walking in the parade with us and seeing familiar faces along 4th Street as we make our way through town. One of the best parts of the day is the opportunity to celebrate our community and share in this special tradition together.

Additionally, I would like to thank everyone who attended our recent **Be The One Training**. We had a great turnout and strong participation throughout the session. The willingness of our members and community to learn how to recognize warning signs, start meaningful conversations, and assist veterans in need demonstrates the caring spirit that makes Post 60 such a special place. Thank you for taking the time to be part of this important mission.

And a big thank you to PDC Jason Miller for allowing me the opportunity to serve as his Detachment Historian this past year. It was a rewarding experience that allowed me to learn a great deal about our organization and meet many outstanding Legion Family members from across Maryland. We had the opportunity to visit numerous Posts throughout the state, and each one offered something unique. I encourage everyone to visit other Posts whenever possible. We can learn a lot from one another, share ideas, and strengthen the bonds that make our American Legion family so special.

As we celebrate Independence Day, let us remember the sacrifices made by the men and women who have defended our freedoms throughout our nation's history. Their service and dedication are the reason we can gather together as friends, family, and Legionnaires.

Thank you for everything you do for Post 60. I look forward to seeing everyone at our July events and wish you and your family a safe and happy Independence Day.

For God and Country.



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— POST 60 —

EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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SIGN-UP BINDER

Upcoming Events
Volunteer Opportunities
Post Activities

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FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Please see the Commander,
1st Vice Commander, or 2nd Vice Commander
before adding a sign-up sheet to this binder.

New volunteer sign-up binder in the Lounge
sign- up kiosk





Auxiliary Unit 60 Carolyn Monko ALA President



Happy 250th America! What a great time to celebrate and we have not only our Country's 250th birthday but the start of a new year for the Auxiliary. We had our installation of officers on June 18th, and your new executive board can be found on page 9 of this month's newsletter.

Many thanks to the District 5 President, Alicia Curran, for presiding over our installation ceremony and congratulations to Denise Person for being honored with the Auxiliary Volunteer of the Year, and to Christel Berryman-Lopez for being honored as the Commander's Volunteer of the Year. We hope to serve you well and welcome any suggestions or ideas to make the Auxiliary even more helpful to our Veterans, Active-Duty Military, and Community.



ALA Unit 60 President Carolyn Monko accepts another year at the helm

Girls State just finished up and the 13 young women that we sponsored had an educational and fun-packed week. We have invited the ladies and their families to our August 10th meeting so that they can share their stories with us. Meetings are at 7:00 P.M. and a light dinner will be served before the meeting. A huge Thank You to Sheryl DeWalt and Merika Smith for doing a tremendous job on recruiting these ladies, leading them through the process, and offering help wherever needed! Thanks also to Nancy Gebicke for volunteering as a Senior Counselor. To find out more of what Girl State is all about visit their Facebook page: [ALA Maryland Girls State-Official](#).



Post 60 Girls State representatives and their sponsors

Wednesdays are hopping with Game Night, featuring Bar Bingo! Bring you friends and play our fun version of Bingo along with pull-tabs and Winey Wednesday. Also, the kitchen is open with delicious dinner specials. The Auxiliary Game Night will continue through the summer with the exception of July 18th, when we take a break for convention in Ocean City.



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY





SAL Squadron 60
Joe Lohman
SQDN 60 Commander



Once again, another fast yet successful year for the SAL. I am so proud of this organization and the members who support the four pillars of the American Legion.

Starting off with membership, once again we hit an all-time high of 356 members. I want to thank everyone for renewing their membership and those who recruited new members. Membership is the life blood of this organization and this past year you have made a difference.

Please be advised that the squadron executive committee once again decided to reduce your 2027 membership dues to \$20.00, if they are paid by September 3rd, 2026. Effective September 4th, 2026, membership dues for regular (not dual or junior members) will return to \$25.00 for the year. This is your opportunity to take advantage of this offer and save \$5 off your annual dues.

We had numerous fundraisers over the past year that included our annual car show, crab feast and the Queen of Hearts game. Your support of these fundraisers has allowed the squadron to donate over \$60,000 to our local community and American Legion programs.

In addition to our donations, our members have racked up over two thousand five hundred volunteer hours over the past 12 months.

Remember our annual SAL **CRAB FEAST** is coming up on Saturday July 25th, from 4-7 pm. Tickets are \$75 per person. Please refer to the flyer in this edition of the newsletter for additional information.

Joe Lohman
 Squadron 60 Commander



A beautiful flag plaque created by SAL member Jeff Harkcom, proudly hanging on the wall outside on the deck.

SONS OF THE
AMERICAN
LEGION



Charlie Turner, Squadron 60 Sgt-at-Arms, is the newest member of Post 60's Color Guard



Fisher House After Action Report Bruce Person



Mission:

To conduct a RECON and establish a liaison with the staff at Fisher House located at Walter Reed. The **OBJECTIVE** was to establish the possibility of future Post 60 visits to include facility tours, patient (family) visits, lunch, and motorcycle photo ops. etc. (Post 60 was not committed in any way)

Concept of Operation:

Team Fisher House, consisting of Denise Person, Chrystel Lopez-Berryman, John Kopp, and Bruce Person, assembled at Post 60 on 24 JUN 2026 at 1045 hrs. The Pledge was followed by John Kopp delivering a meaningful, from-the-heart prayer. Bruce Person presented a brief on the route to Walter Reed and the mission's objectives. Larry Morrell rode his bike directly to Walter Reed. The final team member, Sara Berchett, actually works at Walter Reed and knows the Fisher House staff. Departure on time at 1100 Hrs in two vehicles, traffic was light, and we arrived early. Larry (Bam Bam) Morrell was delayed at the main gate because his clearance papers were not available. Sara was off to rescue Bam Bam when the Gate Guard located the clearance, and Bam Bam rode on.

The General Manager of Fisher House, Tyler Davis, welcomed us at the front door. It was Tyler who had invited us to this event. We were introduced to Manager Chandler and began a tour of this beautiful facility. This Fisher House is the largest in the nation, with 70 rooms available to families while their children recuperate at Walter Reed. Note: Families are not billed for their rooms. The service is free. Our Team overwhelmed the staff and other visitors. The Riders were in vests, and Chrystel wore her Trooper hat, which always attracts interest. We toured rooms, lounge areas, and the kitchen (to die for), plus a large patio area. The patio area would be great for a joint Fisher House Post 60 function. The team had many questions, and all were answered by Tyler and Chandler.

Mission Accomplished :

All objectives achieved. Thank you to all Team Members for outstanding performance of duty while making Post 60 Proud.



AL Riders Larry Morrell Director



Welcome to July 2026,

Thank you to everyone for their confidence in electing me your Director and hope that I will make you proud. I want to say a very big thank you to our Past Director Lenny Francioni for his help, guidance and confidence in my ability to lead this group into the future.

Welcome new officers and new members to our group. This is your ALR Group so be proud and be active. If we all work together, we can accomplish great things.

July = Heat. Be very safe and hydrate often. Let's all make this a safe and enjoyable summer of riding and friendship.

Our next ALR monthly meeting will be held in Allen Hall on July 8th, 2026, at 7:00pm. Bring any ideas or comments to your newly elected officers.

BamBam



(L-R) Chrystel Lopez-Berryman, FH Manager Chandler, Bruce Person, FH Manager Tyler Davis, Sara Berchett and John Kopp.



Photo: Credits: Denise Person



JULY 2026

Every Wednesday
is Winey
Wednesday
4 pm - Closing

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Happy Hour Mon - Fri 4 to 7 PM		1 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm	2 SAL Meeting 7 pm	3 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	4 July 4th Picnic 1-3 pm Wild Grey Hairz 7:30 pm
5	6	7 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	8 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm ALR Mfg 7 pm	9 Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm	10 Joint Venture 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	11 Lost & Found 7:30 pm
12	13 NO ALA Mfg	14 NO ALA Craft Night	15 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm	16	17 Acoustic Cafe 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	18 Greater Image 7:30 pm
19	20	21 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	22 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm	23 General Assembly Meeting	24 Andy and Amy 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	25 CRAB FEAST 3:30 - 7 PM Different Sisters 7:30 pm
26	27	28 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	29 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm	30	31 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 Bingo)	
P&G Catering Every Friday in the Kitchen 4 to 9 PM						

Winey Wednesday
Every Wednesday!
4 pm -Closing

August 2026

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM						1 The Low Keys 7:30 pm
The Post 60 Kitchen is Open Every Friday 4:00 to 9 PM						
2	3	4 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	5 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm	6 SAL Meeting 7 pm	7 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 C&Y)	8 Bartenders Challenge 7:30 pm
9 SAL Car Show 9 am-3 pm	10 ALA Meeting 7 pm	11 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	12 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm ALR Meeting 7 pm	13 Exec. Committee Meeting 7 pm	14 Gary Brown Solo 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 Color Guard)	15 Wild Grey Hairz 7:30 pm
16	17	18 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	19 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm	20 General Assembly Mfg 7:00 pm	21 Reilly Gouliat Band 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	22 Sharon Dukes And The All Star Band 7:30 pm
23	24	25 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	26 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm	27	28 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	29 The Sandra Dean Band 7:30 pm
30	31					



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LAUREL Post 60
2 Main Street, Laurel



CRAB FEAST

HOSTED BY:
LAUREL SQUADRON 60

Saturday, July 25th | 3:30 to 7:00PM
Doors open at 3PM

\$75/Ticket

Food served at 4 pm

Crabs served from 5 to 7pm

Soda and Draft Beer included

Cash bar for mixed drinks

DJ, Games and more!

Ticket sales limited to 264 people.

Tickets go on sale Saturday, June 6th

For parties of 6 or more, email squadron60@verizon.net

Tickets available at Post 60 or at laurelpost60.org/events.html

301-725-2302

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR!

ADULTS ONLY – 21 years minimum



Fall CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, September 12, 2026
10:00 am until 3:00 pm

Laurel American Legion Post 60
2 Main Street - Laurel, MD

Handcrafted items &
Direct Sales vendors only

Contact: Penny Garrett
FallCraftFairUnit60@gmail.com
for more information

See you there!



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



P&C MENU

EVERY FRIDAY 4PM TO 9PM - DINE-IN OR TOGO
JULY 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31!!! BACK RIGHT OF THE STAGE

APPETIZERS

Stuffed Jalapeños	\$6
Bacon Wrapped Stuf Jal	\$8
Classic Chicken Wings	\$12
Spicy Shrimp	\$12
Bacon Wrapped Shrimp	\$6
Fries	\$4
Loaded Fries	\$7
Loaded Nachos	\$10

ENTRÉES

Philly Cheese Steak	\$13
Quesadillas	\$10
Chicken Salad Sub	\$13
Grilled Salmon	\$15
Cheeseburger	\$13
Stuffed Chicken	\$15
Grilled Steak	\$15

BEVERAGES

Canned Soda & Water	\$1
Coffee & Hot Cocoa	\$2

HOMEMADE DESSERTS \$5

new! **Weekly Dinner Specials & Salads**

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Sons of the American Legion, Laurel Post 60

2 Main St., Laurel, MD 2070

Annual Car & Bike Show

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Rain Date, August 16th, 2026

Registration 9:00 am – 12:00 pm...\$20 Day of Show



*****Supporting American Legion Programs*****
20+ Vendors and Auction in Air-Conditioned Lounge
Flag Retirement-Bring your old, faded American flag and
receive a new one! (while supplies last)
This is a Family Friendly Event & Free to the Public
For More Info-Contact Event Chairman
Mike Templeton(443) 336-3700

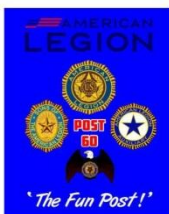
Other Notes/Dates Of Interest

- 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



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
2nd Vice	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	Joe Lohman
1st Vice	Eddie Souder
2nd Vice	Tom Allen
3rd Vice	Ray Torres
Finance	Rob Monko
Chaplain	Tony Scovitch
Sgt-at-Arms	Charlie Turner
Historian	Vacant
Adjutant	Joe Lohman
Parliamentarian	Bob DiPietro
Advisor	John Musgrove

Auxiliary Unit 60

President	Carolyn Monko
1st Vice	Penny Garrett
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	Larry Morrell
Asst Director	Bruce Person
Secretary	Christel Lopez-Berryman
Treasurer	Joe Lohman
Sgt-at-Arms	Yan Forrester
Chaplain	Charley Buckley
Safety Officer	Len Busso
Road Captain	Pedro Lopez
Membership	Tracy Butcher
Public Affairs	Renee Behling

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Commander's Last Shout

Thank you, Jeff Harkcom for the beautiful wooden flag and Eddie Souder for hanging it out on the deck for people to admire.

Thank you, Brian Gaverth and Dave Privott for writing the lyrics to our Post 60 song.

Thank you, Peggy O'Neill for the cute birthday cake for Lee.

Thank you to Joe Lohman, Dave Privott and Tim Thomas for getting our video chat set up so Lee could enjoy her birthday with her Legion family.

Thank you, Tim Thomas for taking time out of his busy workday to work on our float for Fourth of July

Thank you to auxiliary unit 60 for making a fabulous cake for our float.

Thank you to Joe Lohman for picking up the flags from Ivy Hill.

Thank you to all our members that attended the Post 60 Family Installation, we had a wonderful turnout!

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**

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.

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