



The American Legion



1932 *Serving Veterans and the Community for 92 Years* 2024

Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

Number 6 Volume 18

"The Fun Post"

June 2024



Commander's Message Josie Lohman



June - beautiful weather, baseball, vacations, and lots of events! There are definitely plenty of opportunities to participate in fun events at Post 60. We begin the month with the 9th Annual Maryland Gold Star Legacy Run on Friday, June 7. Riders from across Maryland will be departing on a three-day ride around the state of Maryland to raise funds and bring awareness to the American Legion Veterans and Children's Foundation. The ride will start at Post 82 in La Plata at 7:30 AM and will arrive at Laurel Post 60 at 9:05 AM. Squadron 60 and Unit 60 will be preparing the riders with a nice breakfast to enjoy courtesy of Post 60. Our donations will be presented to them and then the riders will depart our post by 10:15 AM, heading on to the Gold Star family's memorial in Annapolis. Let's wish them a safe and prosperous journey

On June 15th Squadron 60 will be retiring flags at 9 AM. If you have any old unserviceable flags that need to be retired, please bring them in so they can be disposed of properly.

Our Installation of Officers for the 2024-2025 year is on June 20th. Please consider joining us and welcome aboard our newly elected Post 60 Officers. It's an exciting time, since all four units will be installing new officers this year. Cocktails and socializing will be from 5:30 to 7:00, at 6:00 a buffet dinner will be served, and the ceremonies start promptly at 7:00. Please RSVP at the kiosk desk or contact your unit leader and let them know so we can get an accurate count for food.

We'll end the month with the Detachment of Maryland Sons of the American Legion's 51st Annual Convention. This year it will be held in White Marsh at the Hilton Garden Inn & Hampton Inn. We start the weekend with some fun events, Friday June 21 is the annual golf tournament, and the SAL has always represented us well. Saturday is filled with outdoor activities for attendees of all ages. Sunday it's down to a little business, this is the day we bear witness to Joe Lohman relinquishing his title of SAL Detachment Commander to our very own Mike Obremski. Please come out and show your support for our Squadron.



1st Vice Commander Lee Luby



I am pleased to announce that all four of our Units have reached 100% membership this year and are ready to begin the new 2025 year. Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to achieve this goal.

There is a major change for Legionnaires from Department of Maryland this year. Dues will increase from \$35 to \$45 because of raises in fees at the National level. There is a three-year renewal program going on now but will end on July 1st. If you renew online at <http://www.legion.renew.org> you will be able to pay \$35, not \$45, for the next three years. But all three-year renewals must be done online. When you get your 2025 card it will be for only that year, and your next two year's cards will be sent to the Post each year. You WILL NOT get a three-year card when you first renew.

This year Eddie Souder, 1st Vice Commander for the SAL, and I will work on a welcoming packet that will be given to all new members so that they can become familiar with our Post procedures and activities as soon as they join. Let's all work together to assure that we reach the 100% goal next year. It takes everyone working together to get this done, and I am confident that we will achieve the same excellence next year.



1st Vice Luby and Commander Lohman visit Casey Cares Foundation



Auxiliary Unit 60
Nancy Slavinski
ALA President



I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend. June brings thoughts of Flag Day, commemorating the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress, and Father's Day is a Sunday to celebrate all fathers! Before you know it, the July convention will be upon us.

Elections are done and your new officers are as follows:

- Nancy Slavinski, President
- Carolyn Monko, 1st Vice President
- Denise Person, 2nd Vice President
- Tris Thomas, Treasurer
- Lucy Haggerty, Secretary
- Barbara Rhodes, Chaplain
- Chaitra Chambers, Sgt-at-Arms
- Historian, Vacant
- Janice Maloney, Peggy Purcell and Lucy Haggerty, Executive Committee Members at Large
- Evelina Krosel, Junior Past President

Our Poppy Chair for 2024-2025 is Lisa Ertz. She is very creative and will bring new ideas to this program and arrangements to the Poppy table in the Lounge.

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

Looking forward –

Game Night on Wednesdays – Beginning June 12th, Legion members' favorite night resumes with Bar Bingo and Pull-Tabs! This fun night will continue until the "Return of the Queen" on September 4th.

Carolyn Monko will be Chair for the October crab feast. She is in search of volunteers to help with set up, clean up, serving, desserts and the selling of board games for attendees. Please contact Carolyn directly if you are interested.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Total members paid to date for FY 2024 is 100% of goal as of our May 13 monthly meeting.

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 or contact Carolyn or me for assistance. It is important for all Legion units to record hours to support National.



**AMERICAN
LEGION
AUXILIARY**

**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





Squadron 60



Laurel City Councilman (and SAL member) James Kolewas watched as SQDN Commander Robert Monko presented checks and Thank You's to the following people/organizations:
 \$1,000 to Carreen Koubek of the Laurel 4th of July committee to go towards the purchase of fireworks;
 \$2,000 to Chief Brian Cox and President Vic Whipple for the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department;
 \$2,000 to Deputy Chief Mark Arsenault for the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad;
 \$2,000 to Laurel Police Sgt. Miskovish and PFC Monarrez for the Community Policing program;
 \$2,000 to Ms Gloria Dent for the Gold Star Mothers of Maryland.



Councilman James Kolewas



Laurel 4th of July Committee – Carreen Koubek



Deputy Chief Mark Arsenault - LVRS



Chief Brian Cox – LVFD
Gloria Dent – Gold Star Mothers of MD



Sgt. Miskovish - LPD



Squadron 60 Executive Committee and Honorees



American Legion Riders Lenny Francioni



First and Foremost, thank you to the officers and members of the past year for all you did for the ALR, without your support and dedication we wouldn't have made it out of the year on a high note! It's been a great year, we laid a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery and one at the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial, both very somber events. Then we held our first ever concert at the post, which was one heck of a hit for the 250 who attended, a good time was had by all..

As we look forward to the summer / fall and into the new year of 2025, there are lots of great things on the horizon for us. Thank you to the officer's selected for the ensuing year and thank you for choosing me to be your director once more. Our biggest event of the year to date will be the MD Legacy Ride, which we have several members attending. Next big event will be the State ALR Meeting being held on Sept 28th.

Lenny
Director ALR Post 60



Quinn Harry cruisin' the Main Street Festival!



Post 60 Entertainment Tim Thomas 2nd Vice Commander



Hello Post 60!

I sure have big shoes to fill as your 2nd Vice Commander! Now that Commander Lohman is concentrating on keeping the Post running smoothly, it is my duty to keep you guys smiling, entertained and informed. No pressure there!

In June we are excited to welcome a couple of new bands to our Post. Sharon Dukes and The All-Star Band will entertain you with classic rock, blues, country and oldies on June 1st. Then on June 29th we will have West Side Rocks playing classic rock and blues. Not to worry, several of your favorites are still here too, just check the calendar and you'll see.

May was a busy month for our Color Guard. Not only did they lead The Laurel Main Street parade, but they also received 1st Place in their category, Ceremonial Presentation! The following Sunday they were invited to march in the Massing of The Colors at Ft. Meade along with approximately 35 other Color Guards from around the region, what an honor! It is easy to see why we are so proud of this group.

Some of you may have noticed a new flyer around the post that says, "**Stay Informed**". I am putting together a distribution list to be emailed weekly for upcoming events, the monthly newsletter, and important information that pertains to Post 60. To be added just scan the QR Code on the flyer, tap the email that pops up and email a short message saying you would like to be added. If you prefer not to use the QR Code, just email a short message to:

laurelpost60newsandevents@gmail.com.

Your email will not be shared in any matter.

Happy Father's Day to all our Post 60 Dads!





Post 60 Presents Awards in the Community Schools



Dave Privott recently traveled to several schools in the area to present awards and scholarships on behalf of American Legion Laurel Post 60.

During his first stop, Dave presented ROTC ribbons and awards to students at Paint Branch High School. Dave's next appearance was in Laurel where he awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors at Laurel High School and two \$500 scholarships to seniors at Palotti High School.

In addition to that, Post 60 will be sending nine boys to Boys State and one girl to Girl's State this year. COVID be damned!! We are back in the schools!



On Track with Mike Obremski



Hello Post 60 Family,.

The time is now for me to say, "I am Leading Candidate for Commander for Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Maryland". As long as things stay on track and the river doesn't rise on June 23, 2024, I will be raising my hand to assume my new duties. The journey has been long, and it is with the support of the POST 60 Legion Family that I am able to move upward. The journey has not been easy at times, but on each step of the way I have learned many things to improve myself. From holding every position at Post 60 multiple times to culminate in being Post 60 Commander twice, then moving through the Prince Georges County Council, multiple positions in Squadron 60, up through the Southern Maryland Region Commander and now on the brink of becoming the next Detachment Commander. What is interesting is that I am in line to become the 60th Detachment of Maryland Commander and I am from Post 60. "60 Rules"! My goal is to live up to the legacy of all the previous Commanders that have come before me and to extend this legacy as well in the long line of leaders, and to leave a mark as a whole on behalf of the POST 60 Family.

But before I step into this new role, hopefully, I am still 1st Vice Commander for the Detachment as "Choo Choo" Obremski and wish to mention that through the outstanding efforts of Squadron 60 and all the other 101 Squadrons in the Detachment a new Membership High has been set. My theme for this membership year was TRAINS. So along the way I obtained the nickname "Choo Choo". It seems to have stuck. The goal put forth by National was 16,803 members for Maryland and at the time of this writing, YOUR Detachment is at 16,920 members. Just shy of a 17,000 goal that I believe is obtainable. Great work to Squadron 60 and all the other Squadrons for stepping up and getting it done.

Thank you to all for your support so far and its continuation on my next journey.

Respectfully

Mike "Choo Choo" Obremski - Chief Rail Conductor
1st Vice Commander- Detachment Maryland

"Leading Candidate for Commander- Detachment of Maryland 2024-2025 legion year"



Ivy Hill Cemetery Memorial Day 2024



Memorial Day



Photo credit: Lenny Francioni



Post 60... In the Community & Around the State



Main Street Festival Parade Trophy Winners!
(Above, right, and below)



SAL MD Detachment 1st Vice Mike Obremski renders honor to the grave of an unknown Union soldier at St. Mary of the Mill Cemetery



SAL MD Detachment Commander Lohman and AL Dept. of MD Commander Ruth A. Higgins, and ALA Dept President Joanne Weis pay Memorial Day tributes in Sharpsburg, MD



Post 60 Color Guard with the Honorable Keith Sydnor, Mayor of Laurel, at the Ft. Meade 34th Annual Massing of the Colors



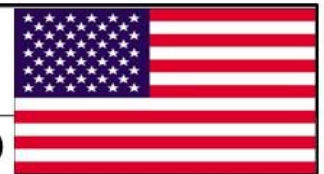
June 2024



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 Sharon Dukes & All Star 7:30 pm					
2	3 Color Guard Meeting 6:30 pm	4	5 Winey Wednesday 4 pm	6 SAL Meeting 7 pm	7 Escape Goat 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 C&Y)	8 Different Sisters 7:30 pm
9	10 ALA Meeting 7pm	11	12 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Legion Riders Meeting 7 pm ALA Game Night 6 PM	13 Exec. Committee Meeting 7 pm	14 Flag Day DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 SAL)	15 Sandra Dean Band 7:30 pm Flag Retirement 9:00 AM
16	17	18	19 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Juneteenth Day Post opens at Noon ALA Game Night 6 PM	20 Post 60 Officers' Installation 5:30-8:30 PM	21 Acoustic Cafe 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	22 Greater Image 7:30 pm
23	24	25	26 Winey Wednesday 4 pm ALA Game Night 6 PM	27	28 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	29 West Side Rocks 7:30 pm
30						



July 2024



The American Legion Laurel Post 60

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



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



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



Independence Day Picnic 1 to 3PM

Thursday, July 4th

Please sign-up at the Events

Kiosk by Friday, June 28th

(head count needed for the burgers & dogs)

Music by
DJ Butch!

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

For all Post Home Members & their Family

LAUREL
POST60
AMERICAN
LEGION

FAMILY



Legion Year 2024 – 2025

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

THURSDAY, JUNE 20TH

*Please join us to congratulate and honor our
Post 60 Officers and Legion Members*

Cocktails and Dinner for those attending the Ceremony Only

5:30 to 7:00 PM - Cocktails & Socialize

6:00 PM - Buffet Dinner Served

7:00 PM - Ceremonies Start

Dinner Reservations Required

*Sign up at the Post Events Kiosk, Message Commander Luby on
Facebook, or contact your Unit Leader*

Blood Drive

Sponsored by the American Red Cross
& Post 60

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

Location: American Legion Post 60



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

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY

CANTEEN 60

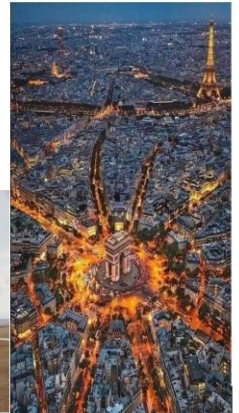
P & G CATERING

*Where Something Good
Is Always Cooking
By Squadron 60*

*Classic Favorites with
a Modern Twist
By Patricia King*

BECAUSE VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE!

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.



Nancy Scambato Slavinski

Licensed Maryland Real Estate Professional

Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc.
10805 Hickory Ridge Road
Columbia, Md. 21044



Cell: 410-302-3757
Office: 410-715-2753
Fax: 410-730-7186

www.Nancysellsmarylandhomes.com

NancyS@LNF.com



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.**

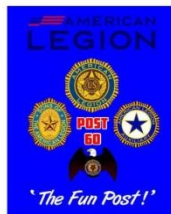
- Please join us on our Facebook page, [American Legion -Laurel Post 60](https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/364213691671/) for Post 60 website links, newsletters, entertainment and activities that are posted on the page.

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.

Abacus Notary, LLC

Prompt. Professional. Personable.

Chaitra Chambers
 Notary Public/Loan Signing Agent
 E: abacusnotaryllc@gmail.com
 T: 202.352.5778

Post 60 Officers

Commander	Josie Lohman
1st Vice	Lee Luby
2ndVice	Tim Thomas
Judge Advocate	Richard Harding
Finance Officer	Pedro Lopez
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
2ndVice	Tom Allen
3 rd Vice	Vacant
Finance	Martin Caslow
Chaplain	Tony Scovitch
Sgt-at-Arms	Charlie Turner
Historian	Vacant
Adjutant	Joe Lohman
Parliamentarian	M. Obremski
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
Safety Officer	Pedro Lopez
Road Captain	Lenny Francioni
Membership	Pedro Lopez
Public Affairs	Quinn Harry

The American Legion
Laurel Post 60
2 Main Street
Laurel, Maryland 20707- 4304

Address Service Requested



Serving
Veterans and
The Community
Since 1932

POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

Commander's Last Shout

Thanks to Post 60 Jr. members Justyse and Damin Saia and Jeff Saia for getting everything out from under the stage so we could clean out and organize it all.

Thank you to Nancy Slavinski and Charlie Turner for helping organize and return all those items back under the stage for easier accessibility.

Thank you to 1st Vice Commander Lee Luby for covering for me at the Memorial Day Ceremony while I was away.

Thanks to all who helped place flags at Ivy Hill and St. Mary's cemeteries.

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for cooking the delicious burgers and dogs on Memorial Day at our picnic, and to the many members who brought food to share.

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


LEGION

**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.

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>