



# The American Legion



1932 *Serving Veterans and the Community for 94 Years* 2026

## Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

Number 6 Volume 20

*“The Fun Post”*

June 2026



**Josie Lohman**  
Commander, AL Post 60



**Lee Luby**  
1st Vice Commander



As we begin the 2026–2027 American Legion year, we must continue moving forward and working toward our goals. Achieving success requires teamwork, dedication, commitment, effort, resilience, and a strong willingness to serve others. Post 60 has demonstrated these qualities time and again.

With the start of the new year, our Legion family welcomes new officers. Please extend patience, kindness, and support as they settle into their roles. By working together, we can move forward with confidence, learning, cooperation, and mutual respect. This is not a competition between old and new, but an opportunity to grow through strong, unified leadership.

I am honored and grateful to serve again as Commander of this Legion family. I am confident in our executive committee, board, and membership, whose continued support and unity strengthen us all. Installation of Post 60 Family Officers will be held in Allen Hall on Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend. Cocktails and Dinner are available for those attending the ceremony. Please sign up at the kiosk desk.

We made many improvements to our Post home this past year, and we hope to continue those efforts in the coming year. If you have not yet visited the deck, please stop by and enjoy the beautiful new furniture. The photo to the right shows some of the furniture that we received as well as an exhausted and rehydrating David Privott after he watched the workers assemble the furniture in the heat.

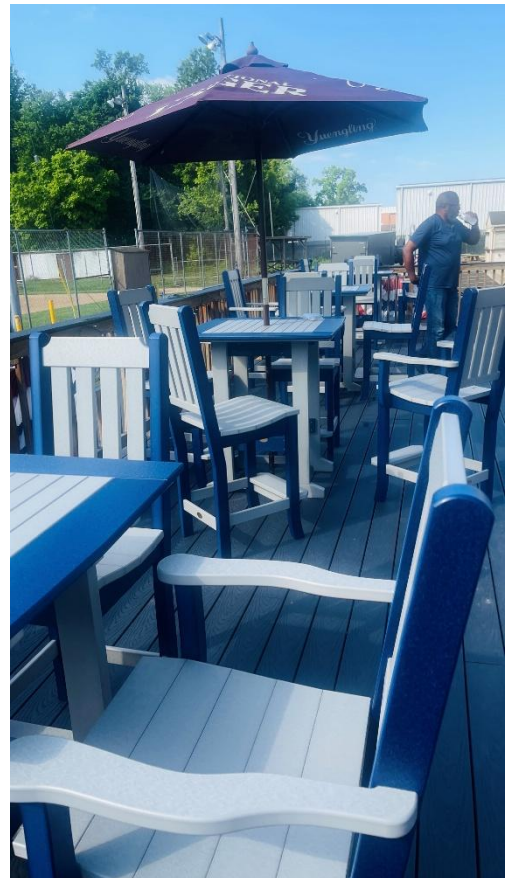
We ask everyone to help keep our Post home looking its best by cleaning up after themselves and taking pride in its care.

**105.324%** --We have never reached such a high level of membership, and we are so proud of all of our members who have worked so hard to get us to this point!

The race for 2026 ends next week and the 2027 race begins immediately afterwards. We will be off to the races again before we can catch our breath.

As soon as Department gives us our cards for 2027, we will begin accepting memberships. We're hoping to make this year more successful than last year!

Together we can do anything!





## Post 60 Entertainment

### Tim Thomas

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander



As we move into June, I first want to thank everyone who helped make May such a successful and meaningful month at Post 60. From Armed Forces Day celebrations to Memorial Day remembrance, it was another great example of our Legion Family coming together in fellowship, patriotism, and service to veterans and our community.

Our Armed Forces Day and “Big Horse Race” Watch Party brought together members and guests for an afternoon of food, laughter, and friendly games of chance supporting Post 60 programs. A special thank you to everyone who brought covered dishes and desserts, and to all the volunteers who helped make the event run smoothly. The evening was capped off with great entertainment in the Lounge and another reminder of how strong the spirit of Post 60 truly is.

Memorial Day gave us an opportunity to pause and remember the heroes who never made it home. While many people view Memorial Day as the unofficial start of summer, we at Post 60 know its true meaning. It is a day of remembrance for the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation and the freedoms we enjoy every day.

**“A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.”**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Memorial Day picnic and remembrance activities. The fellowship shared that day reflects what makes the American Legion Family so special.

Your Post 60 Color Guard continues to stay extremely active representing our Post and community with pride. During May they led the Laurel Main Street Parade, presented the Colors before the Black-Eyed Susan Stakes at Laurel Park Racetrack, participated in the Massing of the Colors at Ft. Meade and The Joint Color Guards Memorial Day Ceremony at Ivy Hill Cemetery. They are also continuing preparations for the American Legion National Competition in Louisville, Kentucky this August. We appreciate all the support shown toward the Guard and their fundraising efforts as they proudly represent POST 60 on the NATIONAL STAGE.



Color Guard at the 2026 Black-Eyed Susan Stakes

Also, Post 60 has officially begun preparations for the Laurel 4th of July Parade. I am serving as chairman for the Post 60 parade float this year. The overall design has already been decided on, but we are looking for volunteers willing to help bring it to life. If you are interested in helping build or assist with the float, please see me at the Post. Any help would be greatly appreciated as we work together to proudly represent Post 60 in our community.

June is shaping up to be another busy month at the Post. One important upcoming event is the American Legion “BE THE ONE” Training on June 13th in Allen Hall. A light lunch will begin at noon with training starting at 1pm. This training is free and open to everyone. The program focuses on helping identify veterans and others who may be struggling and teaches ways we can all make a difference through simple outreach and support. We encourage members to attend and help continue the mission of looking out for one another.

As always, thank you to all of our volunteers, bartenders, kitchen crews, officers, SAL members, Auxiliary members, Riders, and Legionnaires who continue to give their time and energy to keep Post 60 moving forward. Your dedication does not go unnoticed.

Remember — there is always something happening at Post 60, with entertainment, fellowship, and events throughout the month. We encourage everyone to come out, support the Post, and enjoy time with your Legion Family.



**Auxiliary Unit 60**  
**Carolyn Monko**  
**ALA President**



Girls, Girls, Girls... The month of June is all about Girls State!!! The Unit is sponsoring 13 high school juniors to the Maryland Girls State program in Salisbury on June 21<sup>st</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. These young women will spend a week learning about the “responsibilities of citizenship and the ideals of Americanism”. They will be divided into cities and will engage in activities such as mock elections, legislative proceedings, team building, debates, and more. The week will end with a talent show and graduation ceremony.

At our June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will have the opportunity to meet some of these young ladies and their parents. Unit members are invited to a light dinner and an introduction of these young women and of the Girls State program. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting is at 7:00 p.m.

The program includes a contest that was formerly called “Penny Wars” but has been changed to the “Coin Challenge”. The City that collects the most will win. If you have loose change that you would like to donate to the Challenge, there is a jar set up on the ledge in the lounge. Collected funds will be used for Veterans’ programs. Additionally, Girls State is collecting gently used and new shoes to repurpose and bring in money to support the program. If you would like to donate shoes, they can be dropped off at the legion before June 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information on the Girls State national and state level programs, go to:

<https://mdboysgirlsstate.org/girls-state> and  
<https://www.legion-aux.org/ALA-Girls-State/>

Young men are not left out! The SAL and Legion families will be sponsoring ten young men for Boys State. Many thanks to the SAL for their donation to the Unit to sponsor three girls!

We will be hosting a representative from the USO at our next meeting who will give us more information on how we can help. One of their requests is for books for the families coming through the USO at BWI Airport. They are looking for adult paperbacks in good to new condition, any genre. Also, children’s books, which can be in hardcover or paperback but in very good to new condition. Donations can be brought to the Post and left in the lounge.

**SUMMER FUN WITH UNIT 60**

# GAME NIGHT!

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

STARTING **JUNE 3RD** THROUGH AUGUST  
 FROM 6 PM TO 8 PM

3 CARD BAR BINGO AND LOTS OF LOOT!

2 WINNERS AT THE END!  
**\$500 CASH EACH!**

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE AUXILIARY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

FUN! FRIENDS! PRIZES!

GOOD TIMES. GREAT PRIZES. ALL FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

# 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!



**SAL Squadron 60**  
**Eddie Souder**  
**SQDN Commander**



As we end our fiscal year, we can look back on our accomplishments with our heads held high. Big events included our Crab Feast, Car Show, Flag Replacements and Retirement ceremonies, Blood Drives, and assisting where needed at other Post Family functions. Queen of Hearts/Game Night has been another great success with the Queen staying hidden for 30 weeks and SO many friends coming out to help in the search for her.

In all, the SAL logged over 2700 volunteer hours (as always, many more were worked but not logged, but we're getting better at that) and wrote donation checks to local and national programs totaling over \$61,000.

Squadron 60 doesn't pretend we do any of this alone. We know the entire Post 60 Family has everything to do with the successes of every event at our Post Home and I personally couldn't be prouder to serve the American Legion, our community, state, and Nation alongside some of the best volunteers this organization has to offer.

We thank Post Commander Josie and her officers for letting us have this much fun!!!

**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

AMERICAN LEGION  
 LAUREL Post 60  
 2 Main Street, Laurel

**CRAB FEAST**

HOSTED BY:  
 LAUREL SQUADRON 60

**Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> | 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 6<sup>th</sup>  
 For parties of 6 or more, email [squadron60@verizon.net](mailto:squadron60@verizon.net)  
 Tickets available at Post 60 or at [laurelpost60.org/events.html](http://laurelpost60.org/events.html)  
 301-725-2302

**P&G MEAL**

EVERY FRIDAY 4PM TO 9PM - DINE-IN OR TOGO  
 JUNE 12TH, 19TH & 26TH!!! 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

[cateringyesplease.org](http://cateringyesplease.org)

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR! ADULTS ONLY - 21 years minimum



**AL Riders**  
**Lenny Francioni**  
**Past Director**



Happy June my fellow Riders,

I want to first start off by wishing the team of officers a steadfast and prosperous year ahead. May it be everything you want it to be. I know this team will do great things.

It's been an honor and pleasure severing as your Riders Director for these past 3 years, we've accomplished a lot in that time.

We are entering the summer months, please be careful when out on the roads, whether you are on two wheels or three wheels, enjoy it.

Travel make them tires rotate!

Lenny



**Joseph Pruden**  
**SOMD Region**  
**Judge Advocate**



I recently had the privilege to present awards to two richly deserving Naval Junior ROTC Cadets at Paint Branch High School.

Cadet Santiago Leiton Perez was the recipient of the American Legion Scholastic Excellence Medal. Cadet Leiton Perez is a junior and third year cadet. He has an impressive 4.51 weighted GPA through his junior year and maintains an average grade of A in NJROTC. He also achieved a well above average score on ASVAB despite English being his second language. He is an active participant in NJROTC program, attending multiple Army National Guard training, veterans and career events, and is a critical part of the orienteering team.

Cadet Abigail Paterson was awarded the American Legion ROTC Military Excellence Medal. Cadet Paterson is a sophomore first year cadet. Despite being first year, she took up the leadership mantle immediately, taking significant roles in her drill and academic teams. She contributed to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place wins in the Brain Brawl and in making it to the second round in the JLAB competition. She has been selected as the Academic Team captain for the next school year.



LAUREL  
 POST60  
 AMERICAN  
 LEGION

# FAMILY



**Legion Year 2026 – 2027**

## INSTALLATION CEREMONY

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**Cocktails and Dinner for those attending the Ceremony Only**

**6:00 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 Lohman on  
 Facebook, or contact your Unit Leader



Joseph Pruden with Cadet Abigail Paterson  
 and Cadet Santiago Leiton Perez



# June 2026



## The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b> 1-6 PM	2 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	3 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm	4 SAL Meeting 7 pm	5 <b>Gold Star Run</b> Lunch 11:45 am DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	6 InToneNation 7:30 pm  D-Day 1944
7	8 ALA Mtg 7 pm	9 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	10 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm ALR Mtg 7 pm	11 Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm	12 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	13 Be the One Training 1 pm  3 til Mid night 7:30 pm
14 <b>Flag Day</b> Flag Retirement Ceremony 9-9:30 am	15	16 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	17 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm	18 <b>POST 60</b> <b>INSTALLATION</b> 5:30-8:00 pm	19 Gary Brown Solo Act 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	20 Sara and the Igniters 7:30 pm
21 Father's Day	22	23 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	24 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm	25	26 DJ Butch 7-10 pm  Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	27 Gary & the Groove 7:30 pm
28	29	30 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	<b>Happy Hour</b> <b>Monday - Friday</b> <b>4 to 7 PM</b>			
		<b>Post 60 Kitchen is Open</b> <b>Every Friday 4:00 to 9 PM</b>		<b>Winey Wednesday</b> <b>Every WEDNESDAY</b> <b>4 pm - Closing</b>		



# JULY 2026

Every Wednesday  
is Winey  
Wednesday  
4 pm - Closing

## The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>Happy Hour</b> <b>Mon - Fri</b> <b>4 to 7 PM</b>	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 <b>July 4th Picnic</b> 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 Mtg 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 ALA Mtg 7 pm	14 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00 pm	15 ALA Presents Game Night 6-8 pm	16 <b>NO</b> General Assembly Meeting	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	24 Andy and Amy 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	25 <b>CRAB FEAST</b> 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)	
		<b>P&amp;G Catering Every Friday in the Kitchen</b> <b>4 to 9 PM</b>				



# The American Legion Auxiliary National Poppy Day

**HONOR ★ SUPPORT ★ REMEMBER**

Because of your dedication and the support of our members and friends, National Poppy Day was a success!

## OUR PROJECTS

### ★ National Poppy Day at Mission BBQ

Our members greeted Veterans and patrons, handed out Poppies, bookmarks, and answered questions about Poppy Day.



*Thank You!* 

to Our Poppy Committee

A huge Thank You to our Poppy Committee; Nancy Gebicke, Peggy Purcell, Denise Person, and Joanne Woltz, and all the other people who helped to fluff and distribute hundreds of poppies for Poppy Day.



### Virtual 5K Poppy Dance Night!

Thank you to our 30 participants and everyone who donated!

**30** MEMBERS & FRIENDS SIGNED UP FOR THE POPPY VIRTUAL 5K, most of whom participated in the fun and profitable Dance Night.

OVER **\$1,000.00** RAISED for Veterans and Active Military Programs



Dancing Queens in Action!

To all who helped—thank you for your time, energy, and commitment to honoring our Veterans and supporting those who serve.  
*Together, We Make a Difference!*

★ HONORING THEIR SERVICE ★ SUPPORTING THEIR FUTURE ★ WEAR A POPPY WITH PRIDE



Post 60 and Laurel City Mayor Keith Sydnor at the Memorial Day Celebration



## BE THE ONE™ TRAINING

**June 13, 2026**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 60**  
2 Main St., Laurel, MD

Light Lunch at Noon  
★ Class Starts at 1:00 PM

Lunch and class held in Allen Hall.

Learn more about how to "Be The One" to help and assist an at risk veteran.

- ★ Recognizing the warning signs
- ★ VA support & resources available
- ★ How to get involved in the Legion's
- ★ "Be The One" mission

**Be The One** to make a difference in **One Life!!**

Training is free and open to anyone.

Contact [laurelpost60newsandevents@gmail.com](mailto:laurelpost60newsandevents@gmail.com) for questions.

★★★★★

Happy 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

AMERICAN LEGION POST 60

# Potluck Picnic!

★ BRING A DISH TO SHARE! ★

★ GREAT FOOD!  
★ GREAT COMPANY!  
★ LET'S CELEBRATE AMERICA! ★

**DURING POTLUCK**

**1 - 3 ish**

START: 1:00 PM    END: 3:00ish PM

★ DURING POTLUCK ★

**DJ BUTCH**

IN THE HOUSE!

★ IN THE LOUNGE ★

STARTING AT **7PM**

END: 10:00 PM

THE **WILD GREY HAIRZ**

★ GOOD FOOD! ★ GREAT FRIENDS! ★ GREAT MUSIC! ★ GOD BLESS AMERICA!

★ COME JOIN THE FUN! ★

## 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.**

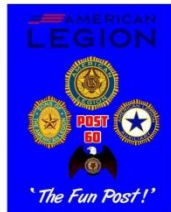
- Please join us on our Facebook page, [American Legion -Laurel Post 60](https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/364213691671/) for Post 60 website links, newsletters, entertainment and activities that are posted on the page.

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.

# WE VOLUNTEERS

### Post 60 Officers

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	Joe Lohman
1st Vice	Eddie Souder
2ndVice	Tom Allen
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	Lenny Francioni
Asst Director	Larry Morrell
Secretary	Christel Lopez-Berryman
Treasurer	Barclay Butler
Sgt-at-Arms	Joe Lohman
Chaplain	Charley Buckley
Safety Officer	Vacant
Road Captain	Pedro Lopez
Membership	Larry Morrell
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

Thank you Ray Torres for hosting a delicious Cinco de Mayo dinner.

Thank you Peggy O'Neill for cleaning the ashtrays and providing new ones.

Thank you Everyone who contributed dishes to our Memorial Day celebration.

Thank you Jeff Harkcom for the beautiful wooden flag displayed on our deck.

Thank you Dave Privott for diligently helping keep the deck clean.

Thank you Joe Lohman for maintaining the ball field and helping keep younger siblings entertained with games and toys during baseball games.

Thank you SAL for a great Queen of Hearts season. We look forward to September.

Thank you ALA volunteers who stepped up to work Wednesday game nights during the summer months.

Thank you Shirley Luby for always offering guidance and words of wisdom.

### 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

**AMERICAN  
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](mailto: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>