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Commander's Message Lee Luby



Happy 104th birthday to the American Legion on March 15th. We were established in France in 1919 and have become the largest and most influential veteran's organization in the world. There is a Legion Post in the majority of the countries, boasting over 2 million members and 12,000 Post homes in the United States. March 15th is also Buddy Check Day, when National asks us to call on members who have not frequented the Post during the year. Buddy Checks are important because it not only stimulates membership but assures that our members have what they need and are doing ok.

We are honored to welcome National Commander Jim Troiola to our Post on March 12th. We will be hosting the annual banquet to welcome him to Maryland, and plan to have 250 members in attendance. During the evening donations will be made to the Commander's projects and he will be commended for his program on veteran suicide prevention, Be The One, which encourages members to be the one to assist veterans who are in need of emotional support to keep them alive. Tickets are available, but only 2 tables are left, so it is important for you to contact me soon before they sell out.

March 17th brings Saint Patrick's Day, and the Post will celebrate on the 18th with a corned beef and cabbage dinner at 1pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge so that you can sign up to attend and bring a dish to share.

March 29th has been designated as National Vietnam War Veterans Day by the federal government. On this day be sure to thank our veterans who served during that period and welcome them home. The return home for these soldiers was difficult and they suffered undeserved public ridicule so it's vital that we let them know that we appreciate their service.

On March 1st I will be placing election forms and envelopes in the lounge. Nominations are due by the April meetings and the elections will be a part of the May meetings. Installation of officers will take place in June. Detailed instructions will be posted with the nomination forms, and they must be followed for your nomination to be accepted by the Nominating Committee of your unit. Remember that the form must be signed by both the nominator and the nominee. We need dedicated members of all units to step up and run for officer positions so that we can accomplish the goals that we will be setting at beginning of the new Legion year. Your unit needs your support to get their work done.

Our condolences go to Dave Manchas on the passing of his sister, to the families of Denise Schaab and Ed Burns and to our Legion members who will be supportive of our comrades. We pray for peace and comfort for everyone at this difficult time.

Last, but not least, daylight savings time is coming on the 13th! No more early darkness and freezing nights and a sure sign of Spring. Even though our winter has been mild, my feet are crying for those sandals and going sockless. Happy Easter to all of you and remember Spring is just around the corner.

Gold Star Mothers / Post 60



Post 60 Family members join with Gold Star Mothers in filling bags to send to Our Troops











Auxiliary Unit 60 ALA President Marcie Zell



"When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" – does that sound familiar? Look for four-leaf clovers soon to bring good luck as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17. Then, eat corned beef and cabbage and drink Irish whiskey and beer with friends and family!!







Our next auxiliary meeting will be Monday, March 13 at 7PM, in the Hall. Join us! There's plenty of room!

ALA District 5 invites all to the Day for God and Country as we celebrate our military and pay tribute to the Ultimate Sacrificial Service of The Four Chaplains of the U.S.S. Dorchester. The event is on Sunday, March 12, 2023, 2:00 PM in Cheltenham with a reception immediately following the ceremony. Let's do our best to provide this worthy event with food and monetary support, as well as our attendance!

2nd VICE REPORT: Carolyn Monko

This month is the 2nd Annual Unit 60 Spring Craft Show on Saturday, March 25th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 PM. Come shop over 45 vendors featuring handmade goods including: jewelry, pottery, artwork, cards, candles, soaps, needlework, and more. Decorate your home with a festive wreath and stop by the Hotdog Hideout food truck for lunch and a funnel cake! Admission is free for shoppers. For more information see Carolyn Monko.

You don't have to be at the Legion to support the Auxiliary. We are asking members to send us their service hours to be included in our annual reporting to the Department. If you have participated in a community event (clean-up, flag ceremony, wreath-laying, etc.) the time that you volunteered counts towards our reports. Anytime you volunteer in your schools, church, senior center, etc. or help a military family or veteran, please let us know so that we know that you made an impact in our Legion family and community. You can email your hours to Josie Lohman at jjal01@verizon.net. You can contact

Carolyn Monko @ carlymon4@gmail.com with any questions.

Another way to help our Children and Youth is to collect the metal pull tabs/pop-tops from food and beverage cans including soup, pet food, sodas and more. The money from recycling these pull-tabs goes to help fund the Ronald McDonald House of Maryland and the program is an easy way to help. There is a container in the Lounge for pull-tabs that you have collected.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE: Happy March to you all. Hope 2023 has been good for you. As many of you are sadly aware, the Post has had deaths and several health issues so far this year. I encourage you all to be kind to each other, help when you can and thank God for all your blessings. Make sure you support all of our Post's activities and fundraisers if you can. It will make your heart happy! Take good care of yourselves and God Bless You and our Post 60. Chaplain Jo



Southern Maryland District 5 American Legion Auxiliary Department

DAY FOR GOD AND COUNTRY







Please join us as we celebrate our military and pay tribute to the Ultimate Sacrificial Service of The Four Chaplains of the U.S.S. Dorchester

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023 2:00 PM

American Legion Southern Maryland District Youth Camp 9201 Surratts Road, Cheltenham, MD 20623

~Reception immediately following the ceremony~

Kyrese Johnson, President ALA Southern Maryland District 5~ Linda Sarkisian, ALA District 5 Chaplain For additional information contact: Linda Sarkisian, Program Chairperson, lindasarkisian@yahoo.com



SAL Squadron 60 Commander Eddie Souder



It's Election Season! With nearly 340 members, we are involved in dozens of fundraisers and events, volunteer thousands of hours, and raise and donate tens of thousands of dollars for local and National programs. We owe it to our membership, our donors, The SAL and The American Legion to manage ourselves properly. This takes good leadership. If you are interested in holding an office in our great organization simply fill out a nominating form (along with the member nominating you) at The Post and drop it in the 'Drop Box" or make it known to one of our current officers and we'll assist you.

The first weekend of February was our SAL Detachment Winter Conference. Beginning with a chilly dip at Sandy Point for the Polar Bear Plunge, we then ventured to Ocean City for two days of training, fundraising, and Meetings. Ending with the Sunday DEC Meeting where Squadron 60 presented checks supporting numerous National programs and totaling over \$11k. Thanks to all who attended.

The Queen of Hearts was found February 15th. We congratulate our Grand Prize winner and all of the winners during our 23-week search.

WEDNESDAY GAME NIGHT will now commence and continue until Memorial Day with plenty of fun to be had and seats available at the head table if you'd rather help than play.

Get Over the "HUMP" with Squadron 60 on



Red Cross Blood Drive Coming to Post 60 April 24th, 2023

The American Red Cross needs our help. Since the beginning of 2020, many thousands of blood drives have been cancelled. **Blood Drives are essential and** are in direct support to the emergency services remaining open to sustain the continuing fight against the Corona Virus and other chronic illnesses and diseases.

Per the American Red Cross, "we understand public health concerns, but want to stress that donating blood is a safe process and Red Cross blood drives have the highest safety standards. Here are just a few of the vigilant measures to protect the health of all involved in our blood drives":

- Donor and Staff temperature check before entering the hall.
- Only Donors will be allowed entry into the building, families must remain outside.
- Spacing of beds: a minimum of 6' apart.
- Using sterile collection sets.
- Staff using Aseptic Scrubs on Arms.
- Wiping down all donor touched areas
- Having Hand Sanitizer available.

Please join us on April 24th and help us make this the most successful Blood Drive that we have supported.

To sign up, go to: https://www.redcrossblood.org
Find a Blood Drive (top right), enter Laurel Post 60
-then-

Click on **See Times and** select the donation and time that you want to give.

If you need assistance, please contact Dave Tyson at (410) 491-5028. If you get the recorded message, please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Blood Drive Information:

Date: 24 April 2023 Time: 12:30 – 6:30 PM

Location: The American Legion, Laurel Post 60

Main Street Laurel MD 20707

We need your help and look forward to seeing you on April 24th.





American Legion Rider Kevin Newman Asst. Director



We're gearing up toward accumulating contributions to the Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, and we need your help to get the word out to everyone about events toward this end. We'll be holding a Blessing of the Bikes (and whatever else you drive) on March 26th (rain date April 2nd). We're asking for your help in trying to achieve a good turn-out; while, as the name implies, the primary target audience is anyone who rides, we welcome all vehicles - cars, trucks, bicycles, golf carts, horse-drawn carriages or the horses themselves are all welcome. Our Chaplains will gladly provide a blessing, no matter what you drive; please join us.

The monthly Washing of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Wall in DC the first Saturday of each month resumes beginning in April (April 2nd); contact Assistant Director Kevin Newman (kanewma@gmail.com) for more details!

ALR 50's Sock Hop Dinner on Saturday afternoon in Allen Hall was a" Rockin" success. Chef Marty and his cool Kitchen Team of John & Joe cooked up custom Angus burgers, hot dogs, fries & onion rings. Carol's Root Beer floats and Ice Cream Treats were enjoyed by blue jeans and bobby soxers alike. Darlene organized the orders and got them delivered so fast you would have thought she was on roller skates!

Then the fun really began, Butch the "duck tailed DJ" spinning rock & roll from the fifties while poodle skirts and bobby soxers tore up the dance floor. Fast Eddie and Jonna created excitement with the spinning wheel of chance. Big Joe spun the wheel when Fast Eddie got tired. Bets were flying faster than Fats domino. Luck was a lady to Barclay who won a case of wine. Barclay donated half the case back and Brenda plus others won bottles of wine. Edie won a big beautiful wreath. Patty, the Limbo Queen, won the large handmade blanket. The 50's Wild Rockers participated in a Limbo Contest that had Allen Hall Rocking with laughter and was enjoyed by all. See pictures at right.

Denise wants to thank the set-up crew, clean up team and all who made the extra efforts for this event.



ALR 50's Sock Hop Dinner



Chaplain Charley exhibits new talents



Limbo Star Barclay setting very low Limbo standards



Dancing Dee in Poodle Skirt and 50's attire



Limbo Queen Patty shows determination

Chaplain Charley's Corner

Our Post lost one our family members Feb. 14th. Our dear friend Ed Burns passed. Ed served in the Air Force and was a frequent sight at the Post. He was a kind, loving person and will be missed by all. Rest in peace, brother, and May God Bless You.



Post 60 Entertainment Josie Lohman, 2nd Vice Commander



Well, it's finally over! Sadly, football has come to an end, but I must say that we have the best members of any Legion around! Our potluck Super Bowl party was a huge success! Our members brought in so much food that if you were hungry at the end of the night, it was your own fault. We had a really a great turn out and a wonderful time, not to mention the game was pretty good too. I want to give a special shout out and thanks to Rob and Carolyn Monko for cooking the shrimp and making the sauce for the meatballs. They put of lot of time and effort into our Super Bowl party and I'm greatly appreciative. There is no way this could've been done without them and the many other volunteers who came up to help with setting up and clean up. I would like to thank a few Auxiliary members that also helped, Nancy Slavinski, Brenda McDonald, Tris Thomas and Chica Obremski.

All of our football pool winners have been paid; it sure put a smile on their faces, too. A couple of members approached me about starting next year's Super Bowl pool, so yes; believe it or not the Super Bowl pool squares for next year are already available for purchase.

Thank you so much to Catie Stearns, she made the most fabulous chocolate covered strawberries for our Valentines celebration. The strawberries, complimentary drink and valentines from our very own Cupid, Oliver, put a smile on everyone's faces at the Valentines party!

With March on the horizon, we have a tradition at POST 60 that you won't want to miss. On Saturday, March 18th we will have our corn beef and cabbage potluck. It will be from 1 until the food runs out! Please bring your favorite Irish dish to share, put a little something green on, and come join in the fun with us.

If you're looking for a few more things to do, be sure to check out the Auxiliary flyer for the Spring Craft Show on March 25th. Our calendar is full of fun activities, like Winey Wednesday and the SAL Game Night. Don't forget Post 60 weekends are a must to keep the winter blues away! Join us for our weekly entertainment on Friday & Saturday nights. Plenty of new bands and some of our Post 60 favorites will chase those blues away!





March 2023



Gary & the Groove Duo

7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)

The Fun Post!

The American Legion Laurel Post 60						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM		1 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Wednesday Game Night Games Begin at 6 pm	SAL Meeting 7 PM	3 Joint Venture 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	4 Gary & The Groove 7:30 pm	
5	6 Color Guard Practice 6:30 PM	7 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	8 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Wednesday Game Night Games Begin at 6 pm ALR Meeting 7 PM	9 Executive Committee 7 PM	10 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	11 National Commanders' Dinner 5:30-10:00pm* Crush 7:30 pm
National Commanders' Breakfast 9:30-10:30am*	13 ALA Meeting 7 PM	14 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	15 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Wednesday Game Night Games Begin at 6 pm	16 General Assembly 7 PM	17 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	18 St. Patrick's Day Social 1 pm The Jamesons 7:30 pm
Eddie O'Souder	20	21 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	22 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Wednesday Game Night Games Begin at 6 pm	23	Acoustic Cafe 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	25 Spring Craft show 9-2pm Larry Roberts Band 7:30 pm

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

*Ticket required for this event

April 2023

Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm

The American Legion Laurel Post 60 Tuesday Sunday Monday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Jerry Happy Hour The Post 60 Kitchen is Open Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM and the Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM Heartaches 7:30 pm Children's 5Winey Wednesday DJ Butch Tuesday Night Easter Party Color Guard Honky Tonk 7-10 pm Darts 7 pm SAL Meeting Practice 2-4 pm Casanovas Wednesday Game **7 PM** Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y) 6:30 PM 7:30 pm Night 6-8 pm 14 The Grasso 12 Winey Wednesday Tuesday Night 4 pm Brothers Split 2nd Executive Darts 7 pm ALA Meeting Wednesday Game 7-10 pm 7:30 pm Committee 7 PM 7 PM Night 6-8 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL) ALR Meeting 7 PM 17 16 ¹⁹Winey Wednesday Mike, Deb Tuesday Night & Bob **Escape Goat** Darts 7 pm General Assembly 7-10 pm 7:30 pm Wednesday Game 7 PM Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR) Night 6-8 pm 26 Winey Wednesday Mars Rodeo Tuesday Night Impulse 4 pm Acoustic Darts 7 pm 7:30 pm 7-10 pm Wednesday Game Night 6-8 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)



2023 Super Bowl at "The Fun Post"







<u>Chiefs</u> 14-3-0











Photos courtesy of Josie Lohman



February Happenings at "The Fun Post"





















Photos courtesy of Josie Lohman



Squadron 60 Plunges, then Raises the Roof at the Detachment **Executive Committee Meeting**

























American Legion Post 60 ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL Saturday March 18th at 1 pm Open to all Post Home Members & Their Guests To participate please bring your favorite Irish dish to share... Corned Beef & Cabbage, a side, or dessert A sign-up sheet will be located at the Post events kiosk, please sign up by March 10th Let's Eat, Drink, and be IRISH. Be sure to wear your GREEN!

March 25th, 2023 Init 60 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. American Legion Unit 60 Hall 2 Main Street, Laurel, MD 20707

Handmade Items

Jewelry - Soaps Pottery

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> Handbags - Candles Tumblers

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& much more!

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chance to win a themed gift basket.

The Hot Dog Hideout Food Truck will be serving up Specialty Hot Dogs, Chicken Tenders, Onion Rings, Chili Cheese Fries, Funnel Cakes and other goodies.







up to adult sizes (good for older teens)

Monetary donations will gladly be accepted by Commander Luby for the purchase of pajamas distributed over 30,000 pairs of new pajamas to area hospitals!



American Legion Post 60

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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 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 Face Book page, American Legion -Laurel Post 60 for Post 60 website links, newsletters, entertainment and activities that are posted on the page.

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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.









Please help our local schools by participating in the "Box Tops for Education" program Schools get cash for every box top collected, it enables them to buy the supplies they need the most, Each coupon is worth 10 cents! Just look for the Box Tops For Education label on your favorite products. Shop as you normally would, then simply bring your receipts in to the Post and drop them in the box tops container. We will scan your store receipts to credit Bond Mill and Laurel Elementary School's Box Tops earnings online. Twice a year, the schools receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever they need! To get a complete list of all companies that participate please visit www.btfe.com/products Thank you for your support!

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Commander's Last Shout

Thanks to Katie Stearns for making the delicious chocolate covered strawberries for our Valentine party.

Thanks to Rob and Carolyn Monko and Nancy Slavinski for preparing an amazing lunch for the DEC meeting.

Thanks to the SAL for retiring flags and taking down the COVID barrier in the lounge on President's Day.

Thanks to DJ Butch for donating his time to DJ the ALR Sock Hop.

Thanks to Denise Person and Brenda McDonald for running the 50/50 drawing on Friday night.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped set up the hall for the DEC meeting.

Thanks to Frank Slavinski for researching the sound barriers for the hall doors.

Thanks to Josie Lohman for coordinating the installation of our new sound system.

Thanks to Joe Lohman for solving the problem with the Post wifi. We can print again!

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

Post Meetings

Executive Committee 7:00 pm Second Thursday

General Membership 7:00 pm Third Thursday

Note: Except the 3rd Thursday
In July Due to Convention

Auxiliary Unit 60 General Membership

7:00 pm Second Monday

Auxiliary Unit 60 Executive Committee 7:00 PM See Calendar

SAL Squadron 60 7:00 pm First Thursday

American Legion Riders 7:00 pm Second Wednesday

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