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#### *"The Fun Post"*

## March 2025



#### Josie Lohman Commander, AL Post 60



Thank goodness the snow has finally moved on and we can start looking forward to spring. Another thing we can also look forward to is elections! I know our post has a lot of good people in it. I hope you will step up and consider running for an office, we need you! Nominating forms will be put out in the lounge at the beginning of March and nominations are accepted until April 1. Please remember, you cannot just nominate someone, they must accept it and sign the form along with the person nominating them.

I know it's early, but numerous people have already asked to purchase a square in the next Super Bowl. Hmm, seems like we just had our Super Bowl Party... For those who interested, our \$100 Super Bowl LX pool is now open!

Our Post 60 family has been extremely busy in and around the post. Repairs, improvements, fundraising, and supporting our veterans and our community. In order to do all that, we support each other too. When our Department of Maryland asked us to host a Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting, for close to 200 attendees, I had to rely on that support. The post that was originally slated to host the meeting had an emergency situation arise just two days before the meeting was to take place. So, what did we do, of course we supported our department! I reached out to my Post 60 family, and they didn't disappoint. Rob and Carolyn Monko not only prepared an entire meal for the meeting, but they knocked it out of the ballpark with their menu. If not for them, we wouldn't have been able to pull this off. They ran the kitchen smoothly and efficiently while our Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion worked together to put the hall together and took care of the pre-meeting continental breakfast. I couldn't have done it without your support, thank you Nancy Slavinski, along with Denise Person, Lee Luby, Joe Lohman, Dave Privott and I When this huge event was finally over our wonderful members from the officially-unofficial

deck committee strolled in and put the hall back together for us. It was truly amazing how we came together to support our Department of Maryland Officers. It did not go unnoticed by our department officers how well our Legion family supports each other for the good of the Legion. This was definitely a proud moment for me.



Part of the 200+ attendees at the DEC Meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>.



## Lee Luby 1st Vice Commander



Thank goodness that February is coming to an end, and we missed the last big snow we were predicted to have. We won't talk about all of the horrible things that have been said about Punxsutawney Phil and his predictions for six more weeks of winter, and we will get through to Spring one way or another! Our Post is doing well with membership placing a little over 85% which is the goal for mid-February. We would appreciate everyone paying their dues so that we can update your door cards for year 2025, that way you won't have to ring the bell and show your card when you come in. By the time this newsletter comes out we will probably have a higher percentage, so keep up the good work and we will reach 100% as we always do.

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



Thank goodness March is here, February sure was a tough month, weather-wise. Now that spring is just around the corner, I find myself thinking green. I don't know about you but I'm ready for some Green Beer on St. Patrick's Day. March 17<sup>th</sup> can't come soon enough!

Currently there are no big events planned for the month, but we always have a great line-up of entertainment for you every weekend. Come down to Post 60 and enjoy your favorite beverage along with the company of your fellow members. The nights are sure to be hopping with Sharon Dukes and The All Star Band, Escape Goat, 3 'til Midnight, Gary and The Groove, and Out of Order. That's just the Saturday's bands! Be sure to check out our calendar for the Friday night entertainment.

As a member of the Post 60s Color Guard, I would like to thank everyone for their support buying Super Bowl Squares and 50/50 tickets. A special Shout Out to Diane for selling a lot of 50/50 tickets while behind the bar! And, we have begun selling Lots Of Loot pull tabs at Friday Night Bingo. Additionally, we have received some very generous donations from the SAL Squadron 60 and Auxiliary Unit 60. I am happy to say that we are off to a very strong start in our fund-raising efforts. This will help tremendously with our travel expenses to the National Competition.



Color Guard members John Musgrove and Chris Davis giving out Lots of Loot at Bingo Night!



#### Mike Obremski Commander Detachment of Maryland



" SONS HAVING FUN GETTING IT DONE " Detachment of Maryland – Mike Obremski's Journey

This year has been full of fun getting things done. But I will admit some of the best laid plans I had at the beginning of my year as Detachment Commander did have to get changed. But that is the way things go. Make plans but then be able to turn on the dime and make adjustments as necessary. I admit I am a little behind in my Squadron visits as I wanted to be around 60-ish by this time, but life and work takes a priority over squadron visits. I still have time to catch up and rest assure I will be putting in a good effort to get caught up. I wish to represent the Legion Family of Post 60 with the highest honor as I am the 60<sup>th</sup> SAL Detachment Commander and we always like to say -60 needs to represent.

As of the writing of this article Friday 21 February Squadrons Visited : 41 out of 101 Functions and Fundraisers attended : 50 Miles traveled : 7,318

Detachment of Maryland Membership : 15,153. 1875 ahead of last year at this time 87.935% of the goal of 17,232

I am not letting the negativity of people get to me. There are still more Functions, Fundraisers and Squadron visits to attend with more miles to go and CHOO CHOO Obremski is still riding high on the rails with my journey around the great state of Maryland. After my time is up in June, I will be around the Post Home a bit more to share some Legion Lemonade with you. Until then stay safe, have fun, and go with the flow and enjoy that Lemonade.



Yours in Service, Mike Obremski Commander Detachment of Maryland



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#### Auxiliary Unit 60 Nancy Slavinski ALA President



Happy St. Patrick's Day as we celebrate this Irish tradition! Make sure you wear green, or you may get pinched. If the weather cooperates, look for a fourleaf clover.

<u>**Craft Corner:**</u> If you have a specialty craft to share with others, ALA would like to hear from you.

<u>50/50 on Fridays</u> – we are still in need of volunteers to sell the tickets each Friday. There is a sign-up sheet in the Lounge that extends to April 25 so please help if you have time to do so.

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** We are off and running for 2025 memberships. As of February 14, we were at 92% membership – please renew at your earliest convenience.

1. https://www.legion-aux.org/Renew -or-

2. (**317**) **569-4570** The hours to call are Monday-Friday, 8AM-4:30PM EST

Questions? <a href="mailto:carlymon4@gmail.com">carlymon4@gmail.com</a>

<u>**Track It Forward:**</u> Please remember to enter your hours. It is important for all Legion units to record hours to support National. We emphasize the importance at our monthly meetings.

Give 10 to Education program for 2024-2025 will benefit Backpacks of Love. We will also continue to support LARS so please consider donating dry or canned goods...container in the Lounge.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**February Raffle Basket** – quite the success with bringing in over \$300. The winner was Barbara Hawkins-Mawn. Thanks to all who took part in the raffle.

<u>March Raffle Basket is a Basket of Cheer</u> to celebrate St. Patrick's Day - 3/1-14 for those interested in participating. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. Please see an ALA officer or the bartender to purchase.

St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, March 16, 9AM-12PM; \$12 per person. Along with pancakes, we will also provide bacon, sausage, coffee and juice in Allen Hall. Please sign up in the Lounge so we have a head count for planning. (attach flyer)

<u>Children's Easter Party</u> will be Sunday, April 13. If you are interested in helping with this event, please let Denise Person know as she'll need help with decorating, setup/clean up, crafts and more for the children.

<u>**Crab Feast</u>** will be Saturday, October 18, so mark your calendars. Joe Lohman will handle ticket purchases through Eventbrite or directly with cash (no checks, Zelle, Venmo or Paypal). More details as we get closer to the event.</u>

<u>Fall Craft Show</u> will be Saturday, September 13th, – for more information, please contact me. (Flyer below)

<u>Allen Hall will be painted soon</u> - so please keep that in mind when planning activities, events.

ALA Contact info: President - Nancy Sgambato Slavinski, <u>alapresidentunit60@gmail.com;</u>

2nd Vice - Denise Person, dp.0325@icloud.com;

Secretary–Lucy Haggerty, secretaryunit60@gmail.com.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Carolyn Monko's email is under the Membership Update article above.





#### Squadron 60 Martin Caslow Finance Officer



#### 2025 FUNdraising!!!

#### **Queen of Hearts!**

Please make sure you join us in the lounge every Wednesday for The Queen of Hearts!!! After four months, the jackpot is growing fast. Check out the board in the lounge to see the new jackpot total. Pull Tabs, Music and Food are served... and it could be your turn to bring home the loot.

#### Crab Feast

Our annual crab feast is coming in July. Every year the Allen Hall gets filled with family and friends and some of the best crabs around. We will have a signup sheet for volunteers in a few months, but if you want to help or have ideas, please find Martin Caslow to chat about it. Lots of chances to win money and prizes! See you when the weather is warmer.

#### Car Show

Returning for 2025 for an 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the car show will be Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Mike Templeton is looking for sponsors. This is arguably the most popular event at Post 60. If you would like to help, please see Mike.

#### January 2025 Donations

All our work and all your generosity go to good causes. Our latest donations approved at our January meeting were:

- o Maryland Special Olympics -- \$,2000
- o George Grossnickle Memorial Scholarship -- \$3,000
- o American Red Cross -- \$1,000

#### **Monthly Meeting**

The first Thursday of every month is our Squadron meeting. We start promptly at 7PM-ish. Dinner and a free drink are served after the meeting, too! Due to illnesses, we did not have a February meeting, so, we will have a packed agenda for the March meeting which will be March 6<sup>th</sup>. Come and join the effort.



#### Squadron 60 David Tyson Blood Drive Coordinator



The American Red Cross needs our help. Blood Drives are essential and are in direct support to the emergency services remaining open to sustain the fight against chronic illnesses, diseases, and with shortages caused by disasters. 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".

1) Donor and Staff temperature check before entering the hall.

2) Only Donors will be allowed entry into the building, families must remain outside.

- 3) Spacing of beds is a minimum of 6' apart.
- 4) Using sterile collection sets.
- 5) Staff using Aseptic Scrubs on Arms.
- 6) Wiping down all donor touched areas.
- 7) Having Hand Sanitizer available.

Please join us on <u>April 28th</u> and help us to make this the most successful Blood Drive that we have ever held!

To sign up, go to <u>https://www.redcrossblood.org</u>

Find a Blood Drive (top right), enter Laurel Post 60. 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: 28 April 2025 Time: 1:30 – 6:30 PM Location: American Legion, Laurel Post 60 2 Main Street Laurel MD 20707

We need your help and look forward to seeing you on 28 April.



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#### AL Riders Lenny Francioni Director



Happy March everyone,

Wow! Where has the time flown already? We are looking forward to the warmer weather where we get to ride our motorcycles!

I want to thank those who helped donate to the Maryland Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge. It was 25 degrees and cold, but nice.

March 29th will be the Maryland ALR State meeting up at Boonsboro. They are conducting a Poker Run starting at Post 60 with coffee and donuts. Please plan to join us at the Post for the sendoff of the Riders participating in the Poker Run.

Motorcycle safety - be sure to take care of your motorcycle so that it takes care of you in your time of need! On April 6th the ALR will hold its annual Blessing of the Bikes, so be sure to get them ready for that event.

A BIG thank you all who have helped with the Queens Kitchen serving up some good food on Wednesday nights.







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## **Post 60 Deck Committee Chris Davis** "Official" Unofficial Correspondent

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The Deck Committee has been actively working on enhancing the outdoor experience for all members (especially during this past winter) adding everchanging seasonal lighting along the deck rail top and other holiday themes.

To enhance comfort on the deck, particularly during windy days, the committee has installed a three-sided wind barrier. This barrier is designed to:

· Reduce wind flow, making it more pleasant to sit and relax.

· Allow members to enjoy a cigar without succumbing to frostbite.

• Enhance the overall aesthetic of the deck area.

There's nothing better than a good cigar on the deck while engaging in good conversation with other members.....and remember the words of Mark Twain, "practice moderation... I only smoke one cigar at a time."



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





Shrimp

Fries

**Bacon Wrapped** 

**Loaded Fries** 

Smokey the Skull gives it two thumbs up!!



FRIDAYS MARCH 7TH, 14TH, 21ST & 28TH

APPETIZERS		ENTRÉES
Stuffed Jalapeñ	os\$6	Philly Cheese
Fresh Chicken		Steak
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Fried Flautas	<b>\$6</b>	Quesadillas

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cateringyesplease.com

Chicken Salad **\$6 Grilled Salmon** 

Cheeseburger

BEVERAGES Canned Soda & Water \$1 Hot Cocoa \$2 Hot Tea Fresh Brewed Coffee \$2

## FAMILY FAVORITES

Loaded Nachos \$10

New weekly dinner special \$15 Soup of the week \$5

DESSERTS

Homemade bars & Cakes \$4

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Like us on Facebook - American Legion Post 60 Friday Night Bingo

St. Patrick's Day Liquor Basket

Tickets on sale March 1st Drawing on March 14th

**Tickets** 1 - \$1.00 6 - \$5.00

See Bartender or any Auxiliary Officer to **Purchase Tickets!** 

> St. Patrick's Day 2 Main Street

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American Legion Post 60

Laurel, MD 20707

# ee Jackpot Raffle and Game Night

At American Legion Post 60 Beginning Wednesday, September 4th, 2024 Games Begin at 5 pm, Queen Drawing at 7:15 pm

**Every Wednesday Night** Until the Queen of Hearts is drawn

#### Raffle Tickets \$5 each (3 for \$10) Ask about our loyalty card program

Remember - Only Members are Permitted to Play Only American Legion Family Members are eligible to win the Queen of Hearts drawing,

so be sure to bring your Current Membership Card.

All participants must be 21 years of age - We comply with IRS Gambling Winnings Rules

Additional details, including the COMPLETE set of rules and payout information will be displayed at Post 60 prior to the first drawing

The Queen of Hearts game will be administered by SAL Squadron 60



BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 16 9am – Noon

Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage,

Coffee, Juice

\$12.00 per person

American Legion Auxiliary

Location: Allen Hall American Legion Post 60 2 Main Street, Laurel, MD 20707

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#### **Commander's Last Shout**

Thank you to Kathy Nuzback for donating a new crockpot for the kitchen.

Thanks to Martin Caslow and the officially-unofficial deck committee for installing the wind barriers on our deck.

Thank you to Tim and Tris Thomas for putting on one heck of a Super Bowl party!

Enjoy your free Sundays, you deserve it.

Thank you to our Color Guard who have been practicing hard and raising funds for their trip to the competition at National Convention in Tampa Bay, Florida.

Thank you again to Rob & Carolyn Monko for catering our DEC meeting at the last minute.



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**

**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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