



# The American Legion



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

## Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

Number 3 Volume 20

*“The Fun Post”*

March 2026



**Josie Lohman**  
Commander, AL Post 60



**Lee Luby**  
1st Vice Commander



I'm not sure about everyone else, but personally, I wish 2026 would slow down a little — time, people, everything! Life moves quickly, and it's important to pause and reflect on what truly matters to each of us individually and as members of our organization. Our mission to support the veteran community and their families is what unites us and keeps us strong. Volunteering is crucial, even though it can often be one of the hardest commitments to make. Saying we want everyone to volunteer doesn't fully capture how much we value your help. We all have busy lives filled with work, travel, family, and countless responsibilities pulling us in different directions. But if you can spare even just a little bit of time, we would truly appreciate your support.

Now that the snow and ice have melted and we can actually function, it is time to think about normal ongoing things - like membership. We are currently at 88% and need just 23 members to reach 90%. We're pretty much on schedule to reach 100% by June 9, which is the deadline set by Department. Our final goal is 695 members. Please pay your 2026 dues so that your door card will work. To be fair to everyone, no door cards will be renewed without payment of dues. Help us to earn another 100% membership flag for our lounge by paying your dues now!

(commander's Message cont.)

Several volunteer opportunities are coming up, including the Post 60 Spring Clean-Up Day on March 22. Be sure to watch for flyers with additional details.

We'd also like to thank everyone who helped make this football season so enjoyable. While the season has wrapped up, planning for next year is already underway. Sales for next year's Super Bowl pools have begun. If you weren't able to participate in the first pool, a second opportunity will be available on March 2nd. Please note that eligibility for the second pool is limited to those who either paid in full for the first pool or did not participate in it. We encourage you to secure your \$100 square early — the first pool sold out in just two weeks!

Thank you for your continued dedication, support, and commitment to our shared mission. Together, we remain strong.



*Don't forget to vote!*

### Officer Elections

Legion, ALA, Sons and ALR



Officer elections are scheduled for April, so now is a great time to consider running for a position within your unit. The nominating committees have been selected, and nomination forms will be available in the lounge beginning March 1st. Be sure that both you and the person you are nominating sign the form; forms without both signatures will not be accepted. By becoming an officer, you contribute to building the strong leadership team we need to achieve our goals and support our veterans and community. If you have any questions about officer responsibilities or the election process, feel free to speak with any of the current officers.



*The American Legion Family*



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



Hello March! As we welcome the start of a new month and the promise of spring just around the corner, we look back on a February filled with fellowship, laughter, and great memories at Post 60.

We had a big turnout for the Super Bowl, with tables full of incredible dishes and plenty of cheering throughout the night. More importantly, the evening was about spending time together — sharing stories, laughter, and making new memories while continuing a tradition that bring us together each year.

Our Valentine’s Night Dance was a tremendous success, with approximately 175 people filling the hall. The band, Out of Order, kept the dance floor busy all night long. The room was filled with laughter, music, and smiling faces. It was a wonderful evening of fun and socializing for everyone who attended.

**Upcoming Events**

**March 17<sup>th</sup>-St. Patrick’s Day Celebration**

Bring your favorite corned beef and cabbage recipe, side dishes and desserts to share. We’ll have plenty of green beer ready to go! Post 60 opens at 3:00 p.m.

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Post Cleanup Day**

Help us keep our Post looking its best. Many hands make light work, and your help is always appreciated.

**Weekly Entertainment**

Don’t forget - we feature a DJ or live band every Friday and Saturday night. It’s the perfect way to unwind, enjoy great music, and spend time with members, family and friends.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of our volunteers. Your time, effort, and dedication keep our Post running smoothly and make events like these possible. Your commitment truly embodies the spirit of service and community that defines the American Legion family.

Thank you for all you do, and I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events!



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION**  
**American Legion Post 60**  
**Tuesday, March 17, 2026**  
 ☕ Post Opens at 3:00 PM  
**Bring some Corned Beef & Cabbage or a tasty side dish for all to enjoy!!**

- Great Food & Fellowship
- Wear Your Green
- Irish Cheer & Camaraderie
- Members & Their Guests Are Welcome

*Come celebrate friendship, tradition, and a little Irish luck!*

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 60**  
 SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

**GET YOUR POST CLEAN AND READY FOR SPRING AND SUMMER!**

**SUNDAY MARCH 22ND**  
 STARTS AT 8AM,  
 GOES UNTIL CLEAN UP IS COMPLETE.

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 60**



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



Who's ready for Spring? I am, and I'm sure most of you are too! After a rough winter, we have a lot to look forward to at the Post and this month, and it's all about the kids!

At Post 60 we are proud to welcome to children, young and older into our home. Did you know that the American Legion has a strong youth program for all ages?

All ages are welcome to participate in Poppy activities. Our enthusiastic Poppy Committee will be glad to host poppy-making activities for scout troops, classrooms, or other youth groups. They can learn the story of the poppy through crafts and receive guidance and the information they need to participate in the Poppy Poster Contest. There is also our Little Miss Poppy! Any Junior member, ages 6 - 12, is eligible to represent the Auxiliary at parades and events.

Girls and Boys State is an incredible program for high school students who have completed their junior year. Future young leaders participate in a week-long event where they learn about citizenship, good leadership and the process of government through elections, debates, and legislative sessions. Students who have participated in previous events have come away with life-long friendships and the opportunity to participate in Girls or Boys Nation. The Auxiliary sponsored four girls last year, and we hope to sponsor even more this coming summer!

Students in grades 3 -12 can participate in the Americanism Essay Contest, which teaches children about the importance of Patriotism and fundamental rights that our nation bestows on us. Each year is a different theme and winners in each division and category will get a prize. Students also have several opportunities to apply for a variety of scholarships through the SAL, the Legion, and the Auxiliary. One of the girls we sponsored for Girls State won a Samsung American Legion Scholarship last year!

April is the Month of the Military Child. America Legion members recognize the sacrifice and resilience of the children of our active-duty personnel through activities in the schools and through the USO.

Junior members can also participate in the Patch Program and earn patches through activities in our various programs such as; Poppies, Americanism, Veterans Affairs, and many more.

Youth interested in learning more about our programs and opportunities can attend the ALA Academy in Action conference on March 28<sup>th</sup> at Post 128 in Aberdeen. Their theme is From Learning to Leading: Juniors & SAL Youth Exploring Programs with a Purpose. There will be activities and booths where participants can learn about the various programs for Juniors and SAL Youth.

Anyone interested in learning more about the above activities can contact me, Carolyn Monko, at [carlymon4@gmail.com](mailto:carlymon4@gmail.com). More information about all of these opportunities is available on the American Legion Auxiliary website - <https://www.legion-aux.org>. To create an account, you will need your membership number (found on your card) or contact me, and I will send it to you.

## AMERICAN LEGION EASTER PARTY

Saturday, March 28

1 - 3 pm

Open to the Public

*Loads of games and a free lunch ...*

*Hot Dogs, Chips, Drink  
for the first 100 children  
Lunch while supplies last!*

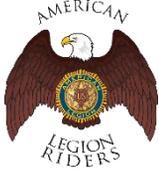
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Weather Permitting!

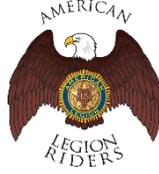


American Legion Post 60

2 Main Street, Laurel, MD 20707



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



Wow!  
Hello and welcome to March!

Here we are three months into the new year already. Hopefully, you have been able to get out on your two or three wheels and get some much-needed wind therapy. I sure have and boy was it nice.

This month we will have the Blessing of the Bikes on March 15th with a rain date on the 22nd. Hopefully, all riders will be in attendance even if you bring your car.

Remember that BamBam has started the ALR Day (3x) a month to go out and ride, get together and or capture the plaque, dependent on enough riders showing up.

Remember, elections are underway so please think of who you want to be your Director and officer line for the 26-27 year!

Let's get out and Ride!



**Sunday, March 15,**  
**2026. 11:00 AM, AL**  
**Post 60 parking lot.**  
**2 Main St. Laurel**

# Blessing of the Bikes

Open to all Riders and vehicles. Complimentary coffee and donuts will be served.

RAIN DATE MARCH 22



**Squadron 60**  
**David Tyson**  
**Blood Drive Coordinator**



Every 2 seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. This is why the American Legion is on a mission to help save lives. Our donors play a critical role in the treatment of accident and burn victim, heart surgery and organ transplant patients and those receiving treatment for Leukemia, Cancer or Sickle Cell disease.

Looking back at 2025, the American Red Cross was able to collect 65 pints of blood with the support of Post 60. Each pint collected equates to more than one life saved. **Can we do more in 2026**, sure we can. New opportunities lay ahead, now we need to show what we can do.

We currently have three Blood Drives scheduled for the coming year. Now is your chance to save the dates:

- June 1st**
- August 10th**
- November 16th.**

Please find a way to spend an hour with us on one or all of the dates. Let us show them what Post 60 can do. **It is time to save lives in 2026.**

The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood.



**The American Legion**

**Post 60**

**Allen Hall**

**1 June 2026**

**1:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

To sign up:

<http://redcrossblood.org>  
in the site block, enter Laurel Post 60

If you need assistance getting signed up,  
Contact Dave Tyson  
Email: [dtyson214@gmail.com](mailto:dtyson214@gmail.com)  
Cell: (410) 491-5028

**Happy Hour**  
Monday - Friday  
4 to 7 PM

# March 2026



## The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3 Craft Club 6:30 pm	4 Queen of Hearts 5-7:15 pm	5 SAL Meeting 7 pm	6 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	7 Wild Grey Hairz 7:30 pm	
8	9 ALA Meeting 7pm	10 Craft Club 6:30 pm	11 Queen of Hearts 5-7:15 pm ALR Meeting 7 pm	12 Exec. Committee Meeting 7 pm	13 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm <b>SUPER BINGO</b> 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	14 Doug Lester Band 7:30 pm	
15 Blessing of the Bikes 11:00 am	16 	17  St. Patrick's Day Celebration Craft Club 6:30 pm	18 Queen of Hearts 5-7:15 pm	19 General Assembly Mtg 7 pm	20 Joint Venture 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	21 Gary & the Groove 7:30 pm	
22 Post 60 Clean Up Day 8 am - ??	23 	24 Craft Club 6:30 pm	25 Queen of Hearts 5-7:15 pm	26 	27 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	28 Children's Easter Party 1-3 pm Heat 7:30 pm	
29	30	31 Craft Club 6:30 pm				<b>Winey Wednesday</b> <b>Every Wednesday!</b> <b>4 pm - Closing</b>	



**P&G Catering Every Friday in the Kitchen**  
4 to 9 PM



# April 2026

Every Wednesday  
is Winey  
Wednesday  
4 pm - Closing

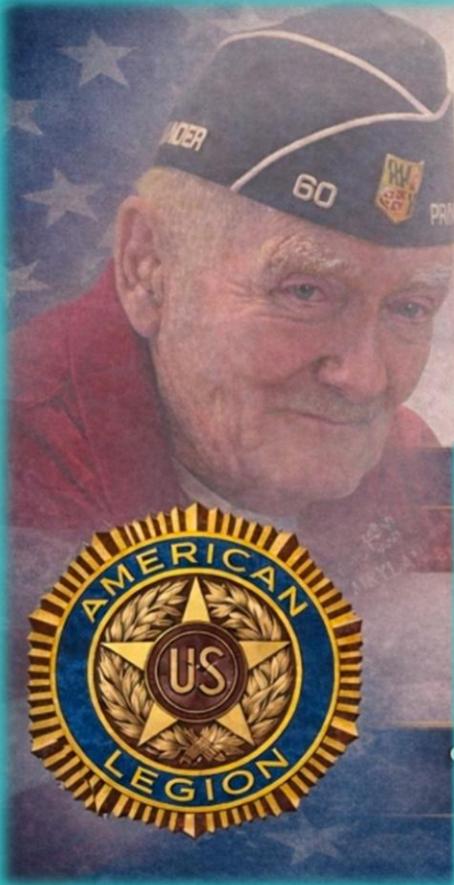
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	 <b>Happy Hour</b> <b>Mon - Fri</b> <b>4 to 7 PM</b>		1 <b>Queen of Hearts</b> 5-7:15 pm	2 SAL Meeting 7 pm	3 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	4 The Low Keys 7:30 pm
5	6	7 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	8 <b>Queen of Hearts</b> 5-7:15 pm ALR Mtg 7 pm	9 Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm	10 Acoustic Cafe 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	11 Greydog Band 7:30 pm
12 Coach Purse BINGO!! 2:00 pm SOLD OUT!	13 ALA Mtg 7 pm	14 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	15 <b>Queen of Hearts</b> 5-7:15 pm	16 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	17 Andy and Amy 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	18 Oyster Bowl 5:00-7:30 pm Greater Image 8:00 pmm
19	20	21 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	22 <b>Queen of Hearts</b> 5-7:15 pm	23	24 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	25 Different Sisters 7:30 pm
26	27	28 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	29 <b>Queen of Hearts</b> 5-7:15 pm	30 		



**P&G Catering Every Friday in the Kitchen**  
4:00 to 9 PM





**AMERICAN LEGION POST 60**  
MEMORIAL SERVICE HONORING  
**GEORGE SCHAAAB**

 **FEBRUARY 28TH**  
 **1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**  
 **AMERICAN LEGION POST 60  
Allen Hall**



Photos: David Privott



**AMERICAN LEGION**  
**OYSTER BOWL**  
**2026**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 60**  
 Saturday, April 18, 2026  
 2 Main Street, Laurel, MD • 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**ADMISSION**

\$55 Per Person  
 Table of 10 - \$550

**Includes:**  
 1 Drink Ticket  
 Draft Beer, Soda,  
 & Water  
 Included

**DELICIOUS MENU**

\* Raw, Steamed & Fried Oysters

- ⚓ Roast Beef
- ⚓ Fried Chicken
- ⚓ Vegetables
- ⚓ Salads
- ⚓ Desserts

**AWARD PRESENTATION AT 7:00 PM**  
**LIVE BAND IN THE LOUNGE AT 8 PM!**

Contact: **DAVID PRIVOTT**  
 202-351-9225  
 Post60ResourceOfficer@gmail.com

**CUT OFF FOR TICKETS IS APRIL 1ST**

**AMERICAN LEGION**  
**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.

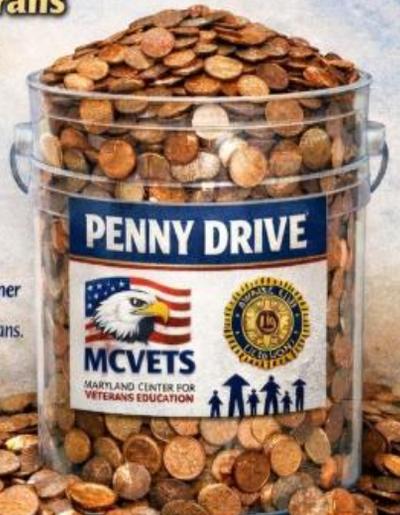
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**MCVETS – FILL THE CONTAINER**  
**PENNY DRIVE**  
 Sponsored by American Legion Post 60

**Every Penny Makes a Difference for Our Veterans**

American Legion Post 60 is proud to support **MCVETS** (Maryland Center for Veterans Education & Training) through our Fill the Container Penny Drive.

Help us make an impact – drop your spare change and help change a veteran's life.



**What is MCVETS?**

- ◆ Safe transitional & permanent housing
- ◆ Education & job training programs
- ◆ Employment placement assistance
- ◆ Case management & life-skills support
- ◆ Long-term stability & independence

**How You Can Help**

- ◆ Drop your pennies, coins, or spare change in the container
- ◆ Every contribution – large or small – supports local veterans.
- ◆ 100% of funds raised go toward assisting veterans in need.



**MARYLAND CENTER FOR VETERANS**  
 EDUCATION AND TRAINING

**Together, We Can Make a Difference – One Penny at a Time**

**American Legion Post 60**

2 Main Street • Laurel, Maryland



**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

**\$UPER BINGO**  
 AMERICAN LEGION POST 60  
 2 Main St. Laurel  
**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 DOORS OPEN 4:30 PM  
 EARLY BIRD BALL GAMES START AT 6:30 PM  
**18 - \$500 PAYOUT GAMES AND TWO \$1000 PAYOUT GAMES!**

\$100 Admission for 15 cards  
 Seating is Limited  
 20 games, ball games, plus early bird ball games too!

Like us on Facebook  
 AMERICAN LEGION POST 60 FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

P&G  
**MENU**  
 FRIDAY MARCH 6TH, 13TH, 20TH AND 27TH  
 SEAFOOD AND IRISH SPECIALS ALL MONTH LONG

**APPETIZERS**

Stuffed Jalapeños	\$6
Bacon Wrapped StufJal	\$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

**HOMEMADE DESSERTS \$5**

**BEVERAGES**

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

**NEW!** Weekly Dinner specials & Soups (check the board!)

**cateringyesplease.org**

**Casey Cares Foundation**

**pajama party**

What types of pajamas do we need?  
 Two piece pajama sets in all sizes, preemie up to adult sizes (good for older teens)

Casey Cares has distributed over 30,000 pairs of new pajamas to area hospitals!

Monetary donations will gladly be accepted by Commander Luby for the purchase of pajamas

**American Legion Post 60**  
**Casey Cares Pajama Drive**  
 We Will Be Collecting  
 January 7 - March 20, 2026

## 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	Eddie Souder
1st Vice	Vacant
2ndVice	Rob Monko
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice	Vacant
Finance	Vacant
Chaplain	Tony Scovitch
Sgt-at-Arms	Charlie Turner
Historian	Vacant
Adjutant	Joe Lohman
Parliamentarian	Vacant
Advisor	Chris Davis

### 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

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Laurel Post 60  
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Laurel, Maryland 20707-4304

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Veterans and  
The Community  
Since 1932

POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

### Commander's Last Shout

Thank you to Christel Lopez Berryman for the delicious pot pies on Queen of Hearts night.

Thank you to Dave Privott and Ray Torres for volunteering to cook during the Queen of Hearts night.

Thank you to Bam-Bam who is training to be a back-up caller for Friday night bingo!

Thank you to our Honor Guard for your dedication and commitment to our veterans.

Thank you, Eddie Souder, for hanging the shields above the bar in the hall and replacing our burnt out/lowlight bulbs throughout the Post.

### 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>