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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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“The Fun Post”

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Commander’s Message Josie Lohman



It seems like it was not very long ago that I was taking notes and observing. It’s hard to believe that the time has finally come for Commander Luby and I to exchange places. It’s going to be quite difficult to follow someone who has done such a tremendous job for the past 14 years, and made it look so easy too! I know that trying to follow in her footsteps will be so much harder than it looked. While she has been a great mentor, someone who is respected, and admired for what she has accomplished, I realize that I must make my own footprints. I am extremely fortunate that she will still hold the position of First Vice Commander and will be there when I need advice, which I am betting will be often. During the first few weeks of the transition into my new position, as Joe finishes his year as Detachment Commander, I will be leaving Post 60 in the very capable hands of First Vice Commander Luby so that I can attend some important events. It is comforting to know that everything will be taken care of in my absence.

I look forward to continuing to serve our veterans and our community in every way possible. Our Legion family is growing, and I look forward to continuing to foster our dedication and unity towards the American Legion’s mission alongside of you. As it has always been, our door will continue to be open to our officers and members. We will even be sitting at the same desks--there was too much to move! Bring me your ideas, suggestions, observations, wants and needs. I cannot read minds and you know what they say about assumptions. Talk to me, so your voices may be heard!



AL Laurel Post 60
Commander 2024-2025
Josie Lohman



Auxiliary Unit 60
Nancy Slavinski
ALA President



First Vice Commander
Lee Luby



All of the April showers have brought us May flowers (tulips are in full bloom) and greener grass. The sounds of lawnmowers and leaf blowers are the new norm. Surely does beat the winter months!!

Election time is here and we're ready for the May meeting to solidify the ALA officers. The old saying of 'it takes a village to raise a child' is reflective of what our unit does – it takes ALL of us to lead and participate in the next year's activities. We are in search of a Chair for the Poppy program so let me know if you need info.

Dave "Country" Manchas was the Queen of Hearts winner, taking her and her dowry home with him on April 10th. With the QoH ending, the ALA has retired from Wednesday night cooking, but will be back in September with more tasty food. Now it's Game Night on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 PM..

The Spring Wreath craft event was April 29th (6:30-9:30 PM) and coordinated by Denise Person. Our members enjoyed the evening with conversation and creating a masterpiece for their homes. Thank you, Denise!!

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

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Total members paid to date for FY 2024 is 95% of goal. Please help us reach 100% by renewing:

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

Greetings from my new position as the 1st Vice Commander. One of my main jobs is to assure that we accomplish our membership goals, and we are almost there.

Our membership figures are sitting at 96% as of April 13th. If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so now so that we can reach 100% like most of District 5. We have one month to go before the membership period for 2024 ends.

According to the Post Bylaws my other job is to assist the Post Commander with her duties and to fill in for her if she is away, which I will gladly do. I look forward to supporting our new Commander, and hope that you will support her as she takes over the Post leadership.

Let's get that 100%!
 Lee



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Renew your 2024 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





Red Cross Blood Drive David Tyson, SQDN 60



On Monday, 22 April, the Sons of the American Legion sponsored a blood drive for the American Red Cross at Post 60. At the event, we had 36 potential donors sign up. There were 3 no-shows that were offset by walk-in donors. This was the absolute best blood drive that we have sponsored. Prior to this blood drive, the SAL had sponsored nine blood drives, and a total of 268 units of blood have been collected. Today we collected a record total of 33 units for a single drive. This brings the Post 60 blood donations aggregate total to 301 units.

A special thanks goes out to Joe Lohman and Chris Tyson for their assistance setting up the hall, and to all of those who helped putting it back in order. In addition, we thank all who helped share the blood drive information with their family and friends, and most importantly, all of the donors.

We currently have another blood drive scheduled for November. Additionally, we are working with the Red Cross on a potential blood drive in August to assist them with their upcoming summer blood shortage.



Meet David Privott



Photo credits: Jeff Thorne, Josie Lohman

David recently transferred to Post 60 and has become a large part of the "Fun Post".

He is an Air Force veteran and has been a member of the American Legion since 2017. He originally joined Post 259 in Clinton, Md.

Since joining the American Legion, David has been the Service Officer at both the Post and District level, as well as serving on the Department Executive Committee and numerous other committees at the Post and District level, volunteering wherever needed.

He's also very active with the SAL and with the youth camp. David is currently on the Department SAL advisor committee.

During his down time he enjoys taking pictures and has become the photographer for most Post 60 events. You can find him most evenings on the deck enjoying a cigar and a cup of tonic water.





Coach/Kors Purse Bingo at The Fun Post



Kathy Etheridge



Patsy Pickrel and Shelley Briscoe



Post 60 Players



American Legion Family Fun Day April 27th, 2024



May 2024

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Post 60 Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM		Happy Hour Mon - Fri 4 to 7 PM	1 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Game Night 6 pm	2 SAL Meeting 7 pm	3 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	4 Rebound 7:30 pm
5 Cinco de Mayo 1-6 pm	6 Color Guard Meeting 6:30 pm	7	8 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Game Night 6 pm ALR Mtg 7 pm	9 Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm	10 Echo 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	11 3 'til Midnight 7:30 pm
12	13 ALA Mtg 7 pm	14	15 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Game Night 6 pm	16 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	17 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	18 Out of Order 7:30 pm
19 Veterans' Flag Placement 11:00 am St. Mary's, Ivy Hill	20	21	22 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Game Night 6 pm	23	24 The Reilly Goualt Band 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	25 Wild Grey Hairz 7:30 pm
26 Ivy Hill Memorial Day Celebrations 10:00 am & 11:00 am	27 Memorial Day Picnic DJ Butch 1-3 pm	28	29 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Game Night 6 pm	30	31 Lost & Found 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 Bingo)	

June 2024

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

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	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	13 Exec. Committee Meeting 7 pm	14 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 SAL)	15 Sandra Dean Band 7:30 pm	
16	17	18	19 Winey Wednesday 4 pm	20 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	21 Acoustic Cafe 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	22 Greater Image 7:30 pm	
23	30	24	25	26 Winey Wednesday 4 pm	27	28 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	29 West Side Rocks 7:30 pm

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Legion Year 2022 – 2023

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*

Memorial Day Picnic

**For All Post Home Members
& Their Guests** (guests must be signed in)

**Monday, May 27th
1 to 3PM**

**Please sign-up by
Friday, May 24th**

(head count needed for the burgers & dogs)

**A \$5 donation or a Covered
Dish, Dessert or Snack
to share is requested**

**Please join us as we honor the men
and women who died while serving
in the U.S. military, and celebrate
the start of summer with DJ Butch!**



In commemoration of

Memorial Day

Honoring the men & women who
gave their lives in service

Sunday May 26, 2024

Ivy Hill Cemetery, 1201
Sandy Spring Road

10 AM at the American
Legion Monument
and
11 AM at the Fire
Department Monument

Remember and Honor

REMEMBER THOSE LOST

HONOR THOSE WHO FOUGHT



Sunday May 19, 2024 at 11 AM

Remembering the men & women who gave their lives
in service, flags will be placed on Veterans graves at
Ivy Hill & Saint Mary's Cemeteries.

Open to all Legion Members. Meet at the Legion
Memorial located inside the cemetery.

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
<i>Where Something Good Is Always Cooking</i> By Squadron 60	<i>Classic Favorites with a Modern Twist</i> By Patricia King

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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.

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.**

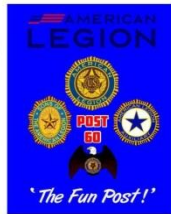
- Please join us on our Facebook page, [American Legion -Laurel Post 60](https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/364213691671/) for Post 60 website links, newsletters, entertainment and activities that are posted on the page.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/364213691671/>



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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.

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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	John Brinton
Finance	Martin Caslow
Chaplain	Tony Scovitch
Sgt-at-Arms	Charlie Turner
Historian	John Musgrove
Adjutant	Vacant
Parliamentarian	M. Obremski
Advisor	Chris Davis

Auxiliary Unit 60

President	Nancy Slavinski
1st Vice	Carolyn Monko
2nd Vice	Catie Stearns
Secretary	Lucy Haggerty
Treasurer	Tris Thomas
Chaplain	Lisa Ertz
Historian	Vacant
Sgt-at-Arms	Denise Person

Legion Riders

Director	Lenny Francioni
Asst Director	Rona Francioni
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

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Commander's Last Shout

Thank you to Dave Manchias for getting our ball field ready for Little League and keeping our grounds looking nice.

Thank you to Tim and Tris Thomas for providing Post 60 with a delicious Easter dinner for all to enjoy.

Thanks to our bingo volunteers for another successful designer Coach/Kors Purse Bingo and congratulations to Dave Privott for breaking the 50/50 selling record, collecting \$1,790 with **\$895** going to the winner, thus making him our official 50/50 salesperson at our designer bag bingos!

Thanks to our bartender Diane Spears for making sure our lounge is decorated for all our holidays.

And a special thank you and warm hugs to Barbara Rhodes, who unselfishly gave her time to help out Legion family members in need.

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

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 Tuesday

SAL Squadron 60
7:00 pm First Thursday

American Legion Riders
7:00 pm Second Wednesday


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