



# The American Legion



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## Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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*"The Fun Post"*

May 2025



**Josie Lohman**  
**Commander, AL Post 60**



May is a special month for veterans. Memorial Day commemorates all of the soldiers who have given their lives for our freedom, and Armed Forces Day honors all veterans who have served or are serving in all branches of the military.

Please come out and join us on May 17, we will be placing flags on the veterans' graves at Ivy Hill and Saint Mary's cemetery here in Laurel. We will meet at Ivy Hill at 11:00 to honor all of the fallen heroes at the two cemeteries, then will head back to the Post to celebrate Armed Forces Day. DJ Butch will be on the deck providing great music and as usual accepting your requests.

On Sunday May 25 we will be remembering and honoring our fallen veterans at Ivy Hill Cemetery along with the City of Laurel and the Fire Department. This is always a very memorable tribute, please meet with us at the American Legion Monument at 10 am.

Our Memorial Day picnic is on Monday May 26 from 1 to 3, please sign-up at the kiosk desk so we can get a head count for burgers and dogs. Our picnics are undeniably one of our most popular events, it gives our members the chance socialize with their Legion Family and to share their favorite potluck dish too.

May 23 is National Poppy Day, wear those poppies proudly! If you don't have one yet, they are available at Post 60. A donation to the Auxiliary Poppy Fund is gratefully accepted. Poppy funds are used to support three major national mission outreach activities, the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival, the Honor Flight mission, and food insecurity among servicemembers nationwide.

Post elections are still in progress for the SAL and ALA, please consider running for a position. We are always looking for new and fresh ideas. Legion and ALR elections have been concluded, and we look forward to another great year.



**Lee Luby**  
**1st Vice Commander**



Our membership for the year 2024 is coming to an end and is rapidly approaching 100%. Last week we were at 95.5% and this week I have submitted 15 members, so we are well on our way. We have only 18 members to submit before we reach 100%, so any member who is waiting to renew, please do so now so that we can again reach a perfect score. The deadline is mid-June, so we have some time, but why wait? Let's reach 100% and move on to other Legion projects. We want to see that third banner hanging in the lounge this year, so let's get it done!!



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



Hello Post 60.

I hope everyone is enjoying the start of the warmer weather, and all the outdoor activities that come with it! The Little League season started on April 26th, so you'll be able to find several of our members out on the deck. It's always fun to sit on the deck, socializing with fellow Legion Members, watching the kids play, while holding a cold beverage in your hand!

May is one of my favorite months for food, I mean activities, at the Post. Ray will be cooking up a storm for all to enjoy on Cinco De Mayo. This activity, who am I kidding, food starts at 3pm on May 5th, it will be available until the last bite is taken. Our Legion Riders will be serving a Mother's Day Brunch from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. The cost is \$15 per person, please be sure to sign up at the event kiosk, they don't want to run out of food! To finish off the month we will be having our annual Memorial Day Picnic and Potluck on May 26th. All the details are still in the works, check for flyers and on our Facebook page more details in the near future. It wouldn't hurt to start dusting off your favorite recipe, just to be prepared...

We will be celebrating Armed Forces Day on May 17th at Post 60. Light snacks will be provided, and possibly a few other surprises, to commemorate the day. The very popular Sandra Dean band will be wrapping up that night with some great music for all to enjoy.

I truly hope everyone has a great May! Stay safe.

### **June Entertainment at the Fun Post!**

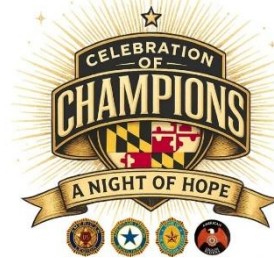
Friday, June 6, 2025 DJ Butch  
Saturday, June 7, 2025 Out of Order  
Friday, June 13, 2025 Groove Quest  
Saturday, June 14, 2025 Jerry and The Heartaches  
Friday, June 20, 2025 Rockabilly Rebels  
Saturday, June 21, 2025 InToneNation  
Friday, June 27, 2025 DJ Butch  
Saturday, June 28, 2025 The Low Keys



## Celebration of Champions Gala Event



Lee Luby  
1st Vice Commander



On April 19 representatives from each Unit of Post 60 attended the Celebration of Champions Inaugural Gala in Belcamp, Maryland given by David Heredia, Commander of The Department of Maryland. Post 60 donated \$5,000 to The American Legion Department of Maryland Veterans Assistance and Rehabilitation Program which assured us VIP passes to the event. Attending the Gala were myself, David Privot, Bruce and Denise Person, Lenny Francioni, Tris Thomas, Eddie Souder and Nancy Slavinski. During the evening, we enjoyed an open bar, delicious food and the company of many of our Legion co-sponsors as well as the presentation of awards to local police and fire departments and comments by dignitaries concerning Legion programs.

The band Chasing Friday provided dance music, and a great time was had by all who attended. Our congratulations to Commander Heredia and his Gala team who hosted a fabulous evening to thank those who supported his Commander's project.



(L to R): Eddie Souder, Denise and Bruce Person, Nancy Slavinski, David Privot, Lee Luby, Tris Thomas, Lenny Francioni



## Auxiliary Unit 60 Nancy Slavinski ALA President



*Enjoy the Warmer Weather as we hear the birds chirping, homeowners are trimming/mowing/planting, and graduations are being planned as it makes us appreciate Springtime. Cinco de Mayo is Monday, May 5, Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11, and Memorial Day follows on Monday, May 26 – a lot of celebrating in May!!*

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

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

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** As of April 14th, we were at 98% 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? [carlymon4@gmail.com](mailto:carlymon4@gmail.com)

**Track It Forward:** 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.

**ALA Coach Purse Bingo raffle basket on Sunday, April 6, was a huge success with more than \$300 in ticket sales.** Thanks to all who participated.

**Children's Easter Party on Sunday, April 13, was attended by 42 children and their parents.** Glad the weather cleared up for the outdoor egg hunt. Thanks to Denise and her team who made this another successful event with crafts, decorations, food and more.

### Upcoming Events:

**Indoor Fall Craft Fair** will be Saturday, September 13, 10 AM-3PM – for more information or if you know of vendors interested, please contact ALA President Nancy Slavinski at: [craftshowunit60@gmail.com](mailto:craftshowunit60@gmail.com).

**Crab Feast** will be Saturday, October 18, 4-7PM, 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.

**ALA Elections will take place on Monday, May 12,** with a new slate of ALA officers chosen to start the next term.

Lastly, I would like to thank ALA membership for my two-year position as their President. I trust they will continue to grow in membership as well as give back to our veterans who so deserve the support in many ways. Keep up the good work!!

### ALA Contact information:

**President - Nancy Sgambato Slavinski,**  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice - Denise Person,** [dp.0325@icloud.com](mailto:dp.0325@icloud.com)

**Secretary– Lucy Haggerty,**  
[secretaryunit60@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryunit60@gmail.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Carolyn Monko's** [carlymon4@gmail.com](mailto:carlymon4@gmail.com)

## CALL FOR VENDORS

### American Legion Post 60

Indoor Fall Craft Fair 10-3pm  
Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025



For more info contact  
Nancy Slavinski  
[craftshowunit60@gmail.com](mailto:craftshowunit60@gmail.com)  
.com





## Squadron 60 Martin Caslow Adjutant



### Have you met Dave Kerr? (Or even seen him?)

*Disclaimer: Based on a true story. Names have not been changed. Attempts to reach Dave for comment have been rebuffed. (but permission for this article was given... enjoy)*



Dave seen here watching an imaginary baseball game.

If you venture out to the deck, you can run into our next distinguished dual member for the get-to-know-ya series. David Ignatius Kerr (aka: Charlie, One-eyed-Dave, Cigar Dave the lighter, Silver Alert, The Bogey man or Iggy) is a charter member of the Post 60 cigar society and the current Chairman of the unofficial deck committee. Besides setting an example of proper deck decorum, performing light bulb maintenance and being a key contributor to the fence menagerie, as a subject he also keeps in line with last month's topic of new Dual Members; those special Post members who have served and are part of a lineage of serving our country.

Dave served in the army early in the Viet Nam conflict; possibly at the inception. His exact billet is not known and may be top secret. Some say he drove truck and Little Feat wrote "Willin'" about him. Others say he kept Bob Hope company on his Hai Phong golfing trips. Dave is also a newly minted member of the SAL. His eligibility for the SAL comes from his father, who was in the Navy sometime between the American Civil

War and the Korean War. Dave is as secretive about his father's service as he is about his own.

He fancies Jimmie Rodgers music and drinking Bud Light while reading Dylan Mulvaney blogs. He is adamant about energy conservation, rarely moving from his deck chair and never using his turn signal. Dave can disappear for months at a time. Some say he's golfing in Myrtle Beach. Others surmise marathon needlepoint sessions to support his vast marketplace on Etsy. Possibly something more sinister... smuggling El Salvadorans cigars. ¿Dónde está Kilmar, Iggy?

Dave left the army and promptly bought a motorcycle to spend the summer driving across the country. Like Johnny Appleseed, he ~~sprang forth~~ ventured east to Washington, DC and joined the US Park Police. After countless children, grandchildren and thirty-plus years of haranguing Beach Boy fans at concerts on the mall, Dave finally retired to the good life here in east Laurel.

So, have you met Dave?

### 2025 FUNdraising!!!

Wednesday Game Night Even though the search for a new Queen will not start until next September, please continue to join Eddie and the gang in the lounge every Wednesday for game night. Bar Bingo and pull tabs are the order of the day. Food is also served.

Crab Feast Our annual crab feast is coming in late 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 weeks and tickets will go on sale in June. 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.

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! Our next meetings are May 1<sup>st</sup> for Elections and June 5<sup>th</sup>. Come and join the effort.



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



Happy Spring my fellow riders,

Be safe out on the roads as the riding season has started, please keep your head on a swivel.

Riding into May, we have lots of events happening. We are riding in the Laurel Main Street Parade on May 10<sup>th</sup>, and the following day, the ALR is hosting its first Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

As we move into Memorial Day weekend and the unofficial start of summer, be sure to take a moment and reflect on all our family & friends that we've lost and pause a moment for reflection.

Thanks again for another great year of the American Legion Family.

Very Respectfully,  
 Lenny M. Francioni



JOIN US FOR  
**Mother's Day Branch**



Sunday, May 11  
 10am – 1pm

*Parcakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon,  
 Sausage, Hash Brown Potatoes, English  
 Muffins, Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit,  
 Coffee, Juice & Mimosas!*

Buffet - \$15.00 per person  
 Mimosas - \$3.00 each

*Happy  
 Mother's  
 Day*

**American Legion Riders**

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

AMERICAN LEGION POST 60  
 CELEBRATES  
**CINCO DE MAYO**  
 2025

FRIJOLAS RANCHEROS/FLAUTAS/CARNITAS/  
 CHILE LINDO/MEXICAN CHICKEN TINGA/  
 CHORIZO PINTO BEAN SOUP/MEXICAN RICE/  
 MEXICAN PINWHEELS/BIRRIA BEEF/  
 ENCHILADAS/GUACAMOLE SALSA & CHIPS  
 CHEESE/MILK/COCONUT CUSTARD

COME AND ENJOY  
 FROM 3:30 UNTIL LAST MEXICAN EATS ALL!

**TORRO**

**P & G CATERING**

**MENU**

FRIDAYS APRIL 4TH, 11TH, 18TH & 25TH

**APPETIZERS**

Stuffed Jalapeños	\$6
Fresh Chicken Wings	\$12
Fried Flautas	\$6
Bacon Wrapped Shrimp	\$6
Fries	\$4
Loaded Fries	\$7
Loaded Nachos	\$10

**BEVERAGES**

Canned Soda & Water	\$1
Fresh Squeezed Juice	\$2.50
Fresh Brewed Coffee	\$2



**ENTREES**

Philly Cheese Steak	\$12
Quesadillas	\$9
Chicken Salad Sub	\$12
Grilled Salmon	\$14
Cheeseburger	\$12
Bone-In Pork Chop	\$15
Chicken Thighs	\$15

**FAMILY FAVORITES**

New weekly dinner special	\$15
Side salad of the week.	\$5

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# May 2025



## The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Happy Hour</b> <b>Monday - Friday</b> <b>4 to 7 PM</b>				1 SAL Meeting 7 pm	2 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 C&Y)	3 Different Sisters 7:30 pm
4	5 Cinco de Mayo 3:30 PM 'til Food is Gone!	6	7 Winey Wednesday 4 pm SAL Game Night 6 PM	8 Exec. Committee Meeting 7 pm	9 Lost and Found 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 SAL)	10 Honky Tonk Casanovas 7:30 pm
11	12 ALA Member's Meeting 7pm	13	14 Winey Wednesday 4 pm SAL Game Night 6 PM ALR Meeting 7pm	15 General Assembly Elections/Meeting 7 pm	16 Acoustic Cafe 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	17 Flag Placement Ceremonies 11:00 am Sandra Dean Band 7:30 pm
18	19	20	21 Winey Wednesday 4 pm SAL Game Night 6 PM	22	23 Joint Venture 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	24 The Greydog Band 7:30 pm
25 Memorial Day Ceremonies @ Ivy Hill Cemetery 10:00 & 11:00am	26 Memorial Day Post Opens 12 Noon 	27	28 Winey Wednesday 4 pm ALA Game Night 6 PM	29 Steak Night Dinner* 6:00-8:00 PM	30 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 Bingo)	31 Gary & the Groove 7:30 pm
Memorial Day Picnic 1-3 pm w/DJ Butch				<b>Post 60 Kitchen is Open</b> <b>Every Friday 5:30 to 9 PM</b>		*This is a paid event. Please register at the Post in advance.



# June 2025

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

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1	2	3	4 ALA Game Night 6 PM	5 SAL Meeting 7 PM	6 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	7 Out of Order 7:30 pm
8	9 ALA Meeting 7 PM	10	11 ALA Game Night 6 PM ALR Meeting 7 PM	12 Executive Committee 7 PM	13 Groove Quest 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	14 Flag Day Jerry and the Heartaches 7:30 pm
15	16	17	18 ALA Game Night 6 PM	19 Post 60 Installation Ceremony 5-7 PM	20 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	21 InToneNation 7:30 pm
22	23	24	25 ALA Game Night 6 PM	26	27 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	28 The Low Keys 7:30 pm
29	30	<div><div></div><div><div><u>Every Wednesday</u> is Winey Wednesday 4 pm - Closing</div><div>Post Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 9 PM</div></div></div>				





# 2025

## Post 60 ALR Blessing of the Bikes



Photo credit: Larry Morrell



# 2025 ALA Children's Easter Party





# 2025

## Laurel Little League Opening Day at the Fun Post






## 2025 Blood Drive

### Post 60 Giving the Gift of Life



Photo credit: Barbara Rhodes





# Happy Armed Forces Day!

May 17th, 2025



## REMEMBER THOSE LOST HONOR THOSE WHO FOUGHT

Saturday May 17, 2025 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.



## Memorial Day Picnic

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

Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>  
1 to 3PM

Please sign-up by  
Friday, May 23

(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!

## Remember and Honor

In commemoration of

## Memorial Day

Honoring the men & women who gave their lives in service

Sunday May 25, 2025

Ivy Hill Cemetery, 1201 Sandy Spring Road

10 AM at the American Legion Monument  
and

11 AM at the Fire Department Monument

## 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, 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*** 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

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Available Sizes:

Men - Medium to 4X

Women - Small to 3X



### 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.

### Post 60 Officers

Commander	Josie Lohman
1st Vice	Lee Luby
2nd Vice	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	Rob Monko
1st Vice	Eddie Souder
2nd Vice	Tom Allen
3rd Vice	Vacant
Finance	Martin Caslow
Chaplain	Tony Scovitch
Sgt-at-Arms	Charlie Turner
Historian	Mark Duff
Adjutant	Joe Lohman
Parliamentarian	Vacant
Advisor	Chris Davis

### Auxiliary Unit 60

President	Nancy Slavinski
1st Vice	Carolyn Monko
2nd Vice	Denise Person
Secretary	Lucy Haggerty
Treasurer	Tris Thomas
Chaplain	Barbara Rhodes
Historian	Vacant
Sgt-at-Arms	Chaitra Chambers

### Legion Riders

Director	Lenny Francioni
Asst Director	Pedro Lopez
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 Tim and Tris Thomas for having a spectacular Easter luncheon for us all to enjoy.

Thank you to Robert Delisi our plumber on call. Always ready to tackle last minute emergencies.

Thank you to all post members who have renewed their membership thus enabling us to get closer to that 100%.

Thank you to the numerous volunteers that have stepped up to help maintain the ball field.

Thank you to all the volunteers that help put the hall back together after our fabulous oyster bowl.



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>

### 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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**For members who do  
not have E-Mail**

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