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"The Fun Post"

November 2022



Commander's Message Lee Luby



November is a busy month full of holidays and times to celebrate our good fortune. Happy birthday to the Marine Corp on the 10th. Semper Fi.

"Your soul may belong to Jesus, but your ass belongs to the Marines." — Cpl Eugene B. Sledge



Formerly known as Armistice Day, November 11th is designated as a day to honor all members of the U.S. Armed Forces. This year is a special one because at 11AM the American Legion will host the rededication of the renovated Peace Cross Memorial. The service will take place at Peace Cross in Bladensburg and will feature Governor Hogan as keynote speaker. If you are interested in attending, there is a sign-up sheet in the lounge, and we will provide transportation if we get enough members who would like to attend. Thanks to all of our veteran members for their service to our country.

November is also designated by National as "Buddy Check" month, when members of the Legion call those who we haven't seen for a while to assure that they are ok and not in need of assistance. If you are concerned about someone, give them a call and invite them to come to the Post or make an effort to help them as needed. Some people will not ask for help and all it takes is for someone to show concern.

Thanksgiving is a holiday for celebrating all the things that make our lives rich and comfortable; family, friends and, most of all, our privilege to live in a free country that is at peace. We tend to take our good fortune for granted and should be thankful all year, not just when Thanksgiving comes around. One of my favorite poets, Joanna Fuchs, says it well: After the turkey is gone, what then?

Will we keep in mind the blessings for which we claim to be thankful?

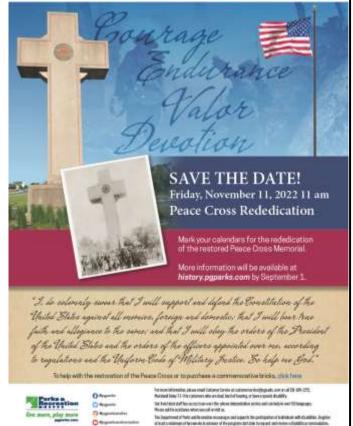
Or will we allow the chaos of everyday life, real or imagined problems,

to intrude into the contentment, we felt on Thanksgiving Day.

After the turkey is gone, cling to the blessings; remember what makes life worth living;

continue thanksgiving.

I hope your holiday is filled with family, friends, delicious food and happiness and that it lasts throughout the year. At this time be sure to remember those less fortunate, give thanks for all of the blessings that we enjoy every day, and slow down and enjoy this magical season.



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Auxiliary Unit 60 ALA President Marcie Zell



November brings us Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving! Veterans Day is also called Armistice Day, on November 11th, it honors military veterans of the United States Armed Forces, and has been observed for 67 years.





Our next auxiliary meeting will be <u>Monday</u>, November 14th, at 7PM, in the Hall. Join us! There's plenty of room!

Don't forget the Post has a Thanksgiving dinner, too! Bring a dish or contribute \$5 to share food and fellowship with your Post 60 Family!

One special request this month: The first and fourth Friday of every month is the Unit 60 50/50 or Raffle Basket night. Be sure to support the auxiliary supporting our veterans and military families. We do need some help with the raffles, though. Anyone interested in helping with these nights, please contact Denise Person: **dp.0325@icloud.com**.

1st VICE REPORT: Nancy Slavinski

Just a reminder, we still have some Chair positions open. If you have an interest in Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Education, Girls State, Junior Activities, Leadership, National Security, Public Relations, or Veterans Affairs, your help would be appreciated. To get more information about the programs, go to: <u>https://www.legionaux.org/Programs</u>. Please give some thought to helping with one of these programs to ensure a great year going forward for the Auxiliary.

<u>2nd VICE REPORT:</u> Carolyn Monko

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make the October 8th Crab Feast a great success. From our volunteers who were on their feet all day, to our creative bakers, and those that gave us guidance and support, we appreciate every one of you. The crabs were heavy, the music and drinks were flowing, and there was plenty of food and games to play. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we did. Our Christmas Holiday Wreath Craft and Wine Night is on Monday, November 28th. Get in the holiday spirit with your friends while you make a festive wreath for your door or wall and enjoy beverages and desserts. Contact Denise Person for more information and/or tickets.

There was some spooky fun brewing at the Children's Halloween Carnival Party on October 23rd. Look for photos of our little ghosts and goblins on pages 8-10.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

The Children's Christmas Party, Brunch with Santa, will be held on December 18th. It is open to children ages 2 to 12, and they will be making crafts, decorating cookies, enjoying brunch with their guests, and visiting with Santa. Each child can bring 2 guests (adults/older children) and tickets are free, but reservations are required. More information and tickets will be available closer to the event.

Our 2nd Annual Spring Craft Show is on March 25th, 2023, featuring over 40 vendors. This year we had a wide variety of beautiful handmade crafts along with some favorite established merchandise companies. Admission for shoppers is free and includes a chance at a themed raffle basket.

Interested vendors can contact Carolyn Monko at unit60craftshow@gmail.com.

Membership Report:

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – Total members paid to date for 2023 are 168, which is 60% of our goal, 281. So far, we have 12 new members in 2023! Hmmm.... Do you think we can beat last year's phenomenal "38" new members?

From Chaplain Jo:

Father, thank you for Fall! The Children's Halloween Party, our Post's Grownup Halloween Dance, and the Wreath Craft Night were so much fun. Now we are making plans for our Post 60 Thanksgiving Dinner. Thank you, Father, that we have such a fun and wonderful Legion to be part of. Let us remember to be kind, caring and forgiving as we live every day, especially during the Holidays when we can get stressed. Help us, dear Lord, to love one another, warts and all. If anyone needs a love note from the Auxiliary, please text me on 443-934-3826. Blessings, Chaplain Jo.



SAL Squadron 60



The Queen of Hearts is still in hiding! Swing by the Post on Wednesday nights and help search for her. You will certainly find Pull Tabs, food, drink, and friends!



The Blood Drive is finally here. See below for all the pertinent information.

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".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 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 **November 21st**, 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. **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: November 21st, 2022 Time: 1:30 – 7:00 PM Jackpot Raffle and Game Night

At American Legion Post 60

Beginning Wednesday, September 7th, 2022 Games Begin at 5 pm, Queen Drawing at 7:15 pm

Every Wednesday Night Until the Queen of Hearts is drawn

Raffle Tickets S5 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

POST 60 Presents...

MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON

NEW YEARS EVE 2023 CELEBRATION

December 31st, 2022 8PM

8PM to 1AM

Cash Bar, Snacks, Party Favors, and Finger Foods from 8 to 9pm, Complimentary Champagne at Midnight

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FEATURING:

Open to all Legion Members and their Guests

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American Legion Riders Kevin Newman Asst. Director



As the cooler temps of October bring a slow-down to the normal riding season, ALR 60 is still finding ways to keep our presence in the forefront of our community. By participating in the Laurel Main Street Festival parade on Saturday, October 15th, along with our Post 60 Color Guard, we took to the streets of Laurel to remind folks of our Post's dedication to our community.

We're looking forward to a few more events this year, including potential participation in the 90th annual Veteran's Day Parade in Brunswick, MD, along with other members of Maryland Statewide ALR, as well as the Laurel Holiday Parade on December 3rd, 2022.

Keep your eyes open for us!

ALR 60 conducted a 50/50 event at the Post on Friday, October 21st. The winner was Julie Janus, with a payout of \$165. Congratulation\$, Julie





ALR members staging for the Main Street Festival Parade

Photos courtesy of Denise Person



Wild Bunch ordering some breakfast after Main St. Parade. John Kilgallon, Quinn Harry, Kevin, and Tina Newman. Photo courtesy of Denise Person

Chaplain Charley's Corner

Post 60 was honored to host the GoldStars Tribute Wall. I hope everyone had a chance to see it. Thank you to Tami and Mike Zambito for making it possible. Thanks also, for the other volunteers who helped with the other events. November 11th is Veterans Day, but we should honor our vets every day.



ALR Members Rona Francioni and Denise Person remembering our Veterans during the GoldStarsTribute Wall Wreath Ceremony

Photo courtesy of Lance Francioni

About the Riders

American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans' homes, severely wounded service members and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in The American Legion Legacy Run to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since September 11, 2001.



Post 60 Entertainment Josie Lohman, 2nd Vice Commander



There is a slight chill in the air, but happenings at Post 60 are heating up. Attendance for NFL Sunday football has been picking up. That might be due to all of the good food our members are bringing to share.

The new shuffleboard table in the game room has proven to be quite popular with our members and guests. Darts, pool, shuffleboard, beverages, and snacks - what else do you need? Get some friends together and come on out and enjoy the game room!



Shuffle Board Sharks, (Dave Manchas and Josie Lohman) waiting for innocent prey to walk by.

The Queen of Hearts is still in hiding, come on in on Wednesday night and take a chance at finding her. There are plenty of pull tab games going on to keep you busy until the drawing at 7:15 PM. Oh, and there is always something cooking in the kitchen for you to eat, too.

On Veterans Day we will honor our Military with light refreshments and happy hour prices in the lounge.

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and will be here before you know it. We will have our annual Thanksgiving Day dinner on Thursday, November 24, from 2 to 4 PM. If you plan on attending, please sign up at the kiosk desk. Be sure to include the number of people attending and what dish you would like to bring to share, because if you haven't figured it out by now - it's all about the food! Well, maybe a little about being thankful for friends and family to share it with, too.

Speaking of friends, our most junior member, Oliver Stearns (L), is introduced to one of Post 60's most senior members, George Schaab (R).



Be sure to check out the calendar, we have a couple of new bands this month. I hope you will come on in and give them a warm Post 60 welcome.



Adjutant's Call Michael "Mac" McNally



I am actively looking for Color Guard volunteers. Many ask me why I serve in the Color/Honor Guard? Let me give you an example of what we do.

I received a call from a social worker who wanted to honor a Vietnam veteran named Walter Parish. He was in a coma and receiving hospice care in his home. He was a Medic in the US Army 25th Infantry. I have always believed you never say "no" to a Medic. The social worker wept with joy when I said yes, I would visit him. I reached out to the Guard members to join me, and John Musgrove quickly responded. We proceeded to Highland in the cold wintry mix.

We entered the Parish residence that was filled with his family and beautiful Christmas decorations. We were introduced to everyone in the room. We discussed Walter's status. We presented a flag to his wife and played the Army theme song on the bugle. We moved to the dining room where the table was covered with SGT Parish's military photos and commendations.

As I read his Bronze Star commendation, I had to stop several times to keep my composure. It read in part: SGT Parish, under heavy enemy fire, went to care for the wounded. He carried soldiers, unassisted, back to shelter. He repeatedly returned to care for the wounded. Sgt. Parish was shot in the foot but refused to stay back, even with his injuries. He returned to care for his fellow solders that were wounded in the field. Sgt. Parish was then incapacitated when he was shot in the chest. When the Medic helicopters arrived, he refused to be boarded until all the wounded soldiers were placed aboard before him.

We returned to the living room and discussed what funeral benefits SGT Parish was entitled to. His family was not aware that the VA provided a flag and an Honor Guard (if available) at his final resting place.

As Sgt. Parish laid in his bed, John and I saluted him for his service and bravery in the line of duty. The next day I received a call from his weeping widow advising us that he had passed. She thanked Post 60 for their kindness and compassion.

That is why I am in the Color Guard.

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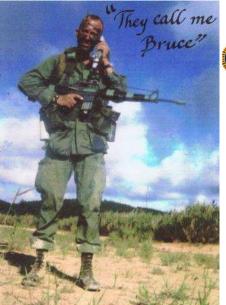
This page is dedicated to our Post 60 Family members and those responsible for their Legion Family affiliation. If you have pictures of those who served and paved the way for you, please forward them to John Musgrove, oxonhillbilly@comcast.net.



American Legion members are also welcome to submit their military photos.



Gerald DeLawder (US Navy-SeaBees) Father of ALA Member Mary DeLawder





"Another Place Another Time" **CPT Bruce Person Commanding Special Forces** A Team 114, 1st Special Forces Group Airborne 1969



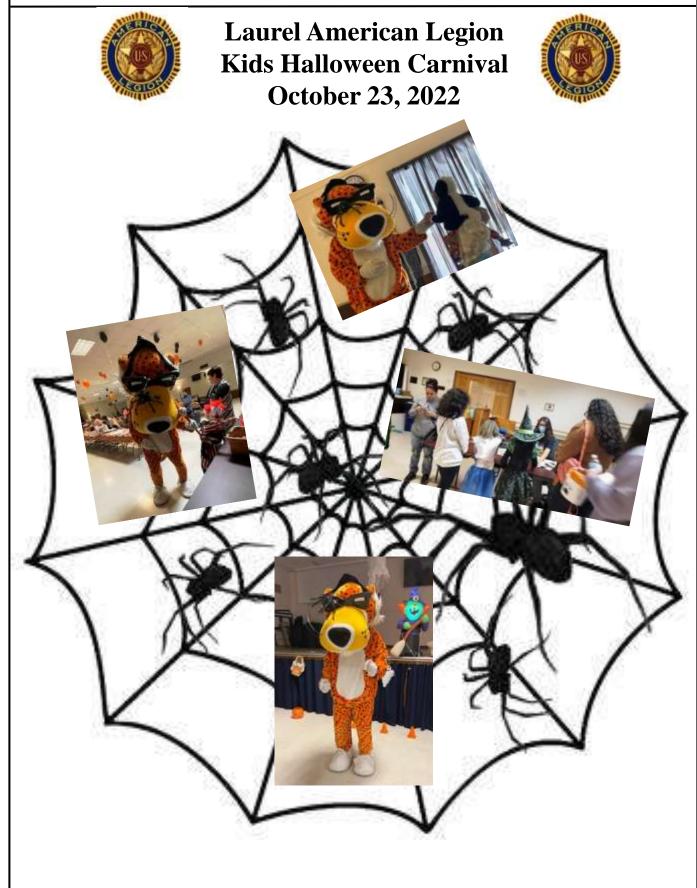


Tim Thomas (US Army). Husband of ALA Member Tris Thomas Father of ALA Member Christine Thomas Father of SAL Member Charles Thomas











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Veterans Day HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Friday, November 11, 2022

Post 60 Veterans Day Observance Honoring all Veterans for their Patriotism and willingness

to serve in the military and sacrifice for our country

Light refreshments will be available in the lounge from Noon until 4 PM.

For Veterans, Active Duty Military, and Post 60 Members, drinks will be at Happy Hour prices - all day! (Military ID or Legion Membership card required) Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Let's eat... Turkey with all the trimmings Drink... \$3 Bloody Marys & Mimosas Sign-up ... at the Kiosk

Members and Guests are asked to bring their favorite covered dish to share or make a donation

November 15th Thru December 15th

Adult Men & Women's Clothing Drive

American Legion Laurel Post 60 2 Main Street Laurel, MD 20707

American Legion Post 60

Contact us at 301-725-2302

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OR

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Advertise Your Business - \$100 includes space in our monthly newsletter, on our lounge message board, on our website page, and a one-time posting on our Facebook page.

Our target audience is over 1500 members, plus a public following!

Our Post 60 Sponsors Check out these businesses and get great deals and discounts!

(Please Note: American Legion Laurel Post 60 does not endorse any realtor or lending company. The information provided is strictly for Veterans and their families for the opportunity of VA Home Loans.)



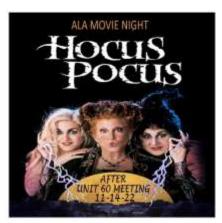


100 Year Coins from the Department of Maryland are available at Post 60. The beautiful coins are \$10.00 each, and can be purchased from Commander Luby.

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Commander's Last Shout

Thanks to the multitude of volunteers from all Units who helped to set up and take **Executive Committee** down the GoldStars Tribute Wall and to Tami Zambito for all of her work on the 7:00 pm Second Thursday project. **General Membership** Thanks to Eddie Souder for spending many hours to help repair the floor of the 7:00 pm Third Thursday GoldStars Tribute Wall transport vehicle. *Note: Except the 3rd Thursday* Thanks to Frank Slavinski for picking up the stone for our entryway project. In July Due to Convention Thanks to the participants who made our Patriots Day and Remembrance Day **Auxiliary Unit 60** ceremony a meaningful tribute to our Fallen Heroes and POW/MIAs. **General Membership** Thanks to all of the members who renewed their 2023-2024 memberships early to help 7:00 pm Second Monday us reach our set goals. **Auxiliary Unit 60** Thanks to Dave Manchas, Rob Monko, Joe Lohman and Mike Obremski for setting up **Executive Committee** our new shuffleboard table. 7:00 PM See Calendar Thanks to Josie Lohman for running the football pools and for all of the delicious food SAL Squadron 60 at the Sunday games and to Brenda McDonald for helping in the kitchen. 7:00 pm First Thursday Thanks to Nancy Slavinski for filling in for Josie during her trips in support of Joe as **American Legion Riders** he goes up the chairs. Thanks to DJ Butch Kraemer for playing all of our favorite music and for honoring our For members who do not have E-Mail MANY requests during his gigs. If you want the Post

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Post Meetings

7:00 pm Second Wednesday

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