



# The American Legion



1932 *Serving Veterans and the Community for 92 Years* 2024

## Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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November 2024



### Commander’s Message Josie Lohman

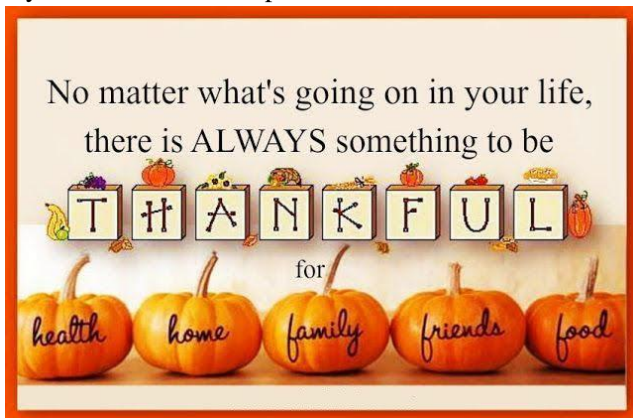


November will be full of activities at Post 60, some fun and some fundraisers are what’s coming up for our members. At Post 60 we strive to reach out to those who are less fortunate. Please help us so that we may continue to support our veterans and their families and our community.

We are making improvements in many different ways around the Post. Some of these improvements are behind-the-scenes, one involves our bartenders learning a new POS (point of Sale) register. Please be mindful and patient while we’re all learning this new computer system, like all change, it may take some getting used to.

I would like to remind you that Post 60 is considered our home; we ask that you treat it as such. Please remember when leaving the Post to clean off your tables and remind your guests to do the same.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on why we are thankful. Some of us are fortunate enough to have family close by to enjoy the holiday with but many do not. We always come together as a Post 60 family, for those who don’t have anyone nearby, to enjoy Thanksgiving Day. We have a lot of members that look forward to joining us for Thanksgiving dinner every year and we look forward to seeing them too. We will feast on turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes and green beans. All we ask is that you bring your favorite dish to share with others. Please consider joining us for the day if you don’t have other plans.



### Joseph Pruden AL SMR



Post 60 Commander Josie Lohman and 1st Vice Commander Lee Luby attended the grand opening of the Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center in October. Both came back to Post 60 raving about the center and the homeless services in particular. Their passion was contagious and sparked action in other members.

With the help of Dr. James Dula, Director of Veterans Services for Prince George’s County, and Bernadette Fobb of Apryl Showers, thirty bags of toiletries and other necessities were collected and donated to the center under the auspices of the American Legion Southern Maryland Region, Department of Maryland.

The Craig A Moe Center will support anyone in need, but is emphasizing the needs of veterans. Currently, the center operates during the daylight hours but will switch to 24 /7 service in November in advance of cold weather.

Laurel Post 60 has made donations to this center and has “adopted” it as a cause to support. Financial support is always accepted, and the center will let us know what other needs they may have.

If you can, please contribute to this facility.



Melvin Graves (First Vice Commander, SMR), Nita Graves, Susan Pruden, Marchelle Leblanc (Director of the Center), Stan Shaw (Commander, SMR) and Joseph Pruden visit the newly opened center.



## Post 60 Entertainment

### Tim Thomas

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander



Welcome to November, Post 60! This year has gone by at a rapid pace and now the Holiday Season has snuck up on us. Time to break out those hoodies and jackets, unless you're like me and refuse to get out of your shorts.

The Early Bird Social in October was awesome, what a great turnout we had! There was probably between 125 and 150 members in attendance, all having such a good time. Everyone enjoyed the food, visiting with friends, and some free cocktails, too. Congratulations to all the winners of the drawings, we had one every 30 minutes - it was so much fun! Every crumb of food was gone before half time, this is exactly why it is important to sign up for events. Only about 40 people signed up, thankfully we always prepare for more, but we definitely were not expecting such an amazing turnout. A special thank you to Mrs. Janet who helped out, she was a life saver!

**SAVE THE DATE - we have some important dates this month!**

**November 10th** - Designer Bag Bingo 12-6pm. This has already sold out but be on the lookout in case there are cancellations so you can buy those tickets.

**November 11th** - Veterans Day. Give thanks to a Post 60 Veteran. A simple thanks or a drink ticket would be gratefully received.

**November 17th** - Create Your Own Snowman Centerpiece 3-6pm. Reach out to Denise Person for details.

**November 23rd** - Southern Maryland Region Drawdown 3:30-7:30pm. Joe Lohman is selling tickets. They are going fast and are close to selling out.

**November 24th** - The 17th Annual Post 60 Chili Cookoff. Mild and Spicy will be the two categories. Sign up by November 17th at the Kiosk. You must be a member to enter the chili contest. Members and Guests can come enjoy the spoils and watch the Commanders vs Cowboys.

**November 28th** - Thanksgiving Dinner 4-6pm

We are still providing Hot Dogs and light snacks on Football Sundays during the 1pm games. Any donation is greatly appreciated, it helps us to resupply for the following Sunday. A special Shout Out to "Spicer" who made a donation that covered an entire Sunday spread. Thank you very much!!!!

Of course, you wouldn't want to forget about the Queen of Hearts on Wednesdays. The fun and games begin at 5pm, then around 7:15pm is the drawing for a chance at finding the ever-elusive Queen. Will she come out of hiding, only one way to find out...

I truly hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving, however you choose to spend it. If your family is not nearby, and you're are looking for someone to enjoy the day with, your Post 60 family will always welcome you into our home.



## 1st Vice Commander

### Lee Luby



Post 60 is right where we should be for the 2025 membership year, but many Legionnaires have not yet renewed. If you have not done so, please see me to get your 2025 membership card and have your door card updated. We are at 56.158% and are at fifth place in the Posts with 501-750 members, which puts us at a little over 50% of our goal for the year. We have reached 100% for several years and want to be on top again, so let me know when you are ready to renew for 2025.





**Auxiliary Unit 60**  
**Nancy Slavinski**  
**ALA President**



*November brings us Veterans Day to honor those who served as well as active duty, and Thanksgiving to be thankful for family, friends and good health! Mark your calendars to join the Legion family for Thanksgiving dinner (please bring a side dish or make a donation).*

**Crab Feast on October 19th, brought many crab lovers to the Legion.** All in attendance enjoyed the camaraderie, steamed crabs, games, DJ and more.

**Denise's Craft Corner:** The third of four events (**Snowman Centerpiece**) is on the list for **Sunday, November 17th, from 3-6PM**. Please contact Denise or sign up in the Lounge. What a great way to spend the afternoon to put you in the holiday spirit!

**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.

**ALA Halloween Children's Party was on October 27th - a great event.** Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with a variety of tasks to make this event special for the children who attended.

**ALA Holiday Children's Party is Sunday, December 15th.** If you are interested in helping with set up, games, distributing beanie babies, etc., please let Denise Person know. It will be here before we (or you) know it!

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** We are off and running for the **2024-2025** year as memberships are now available.

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.

**The pop-top program** continues, so please contribute those aluminum can pop-tops (any type can) for us to support the chosen organization (Backpacks of Love). Our 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 Contact info:**

**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** email is under Membership above.

**Auxiliary Unit 60 Presents**  
**Denise's Craft Corner**

**CREATE YOUR OWN SNOWMAN CENTERPIECE**

**Sunday, November 17th 3:00 - 6:00pm**

**American Legion Post 60 in Allen Hall**

- **\$40 Per Person includes materials and instruction plus and complimentary glass of wine or beer with a dessert.**
- **Contact Denise Person 443-486-2299**
- **Payment by cash or check. Make checks payable to American Legion Auxiliary Post 60**



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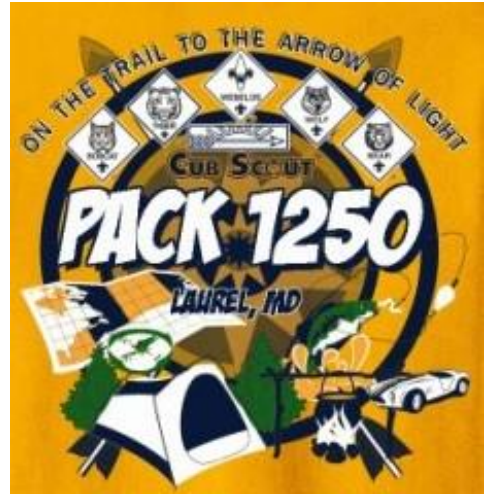


# Post 60 – Cub Scouts John Musgrove Post 60 Color Guard



Post 60 has begun an association with Laurel Cub Scout Pack 1250. The Pack hosted John Musgrove of the Post 60 Color Guard to speak about flag etiquette at their monthly Pack meeting and welcomed him to participate in their awards ceremony.

The scouts participated in learning proper folding and care of the flag, and everyone received American Legion Comic books about flag etiquette and the Pledge of Allegiance. Additionally, Pack 1250 was invited to participate in Squadron 60’s November Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Post. See details below.



# FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Sponsored by:

**AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 60**

**9:00am - Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Location: American Legion Post 60 2 Main St. Laurel MD**

Join us for our Flag Retirement ceremony and learn the proper way to dispose of a tattered American Flag. After the ceremony which includes American Legion Post 60, Post 60 Color Guard and Cub Scout Pack 1250 the public will be invited to retire a tattered flag in the fire pit. (We will provide tattered flag, or bring your own)



Winey Wednesday 4 pm		<h1>November 2024</h1>					Winey Wednesday 4 pm	
<h2>The American Legion Laurel Post 60</h2>								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
<b>Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM</b>			<b>Post Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM</b>		<i>Toy Drive for LARS Begins Nov 1<sup>st</sup>!</i>		1 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	2 Sandra Dean Band 7:30 pm
3 NFL Sunday 1-7pm 	4	5	6 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	7 SAL Meeting 7 pm	8 The Groove Quest 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	9 Squadron 60 Flag Retirement Ceremony 9am Wild Grey Hairz 7:30 pm		
10 NFL Sunday 1-7pm Designer Bag Bingo 12-6pm 	11 Veteran's Day Post opens at Noon ALA Meeting 7 pm	12	13 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Meeting 7 pm	14 Executive Committee 7 pm	15 Gary Brown Duo 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	16 Rebound 7:30 pm		
17 Denise's Craft Corner 3-6pm NFL Sunday 1-7pm 	18 SAL Blood Drive 1-7pm	19	20 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	21 General Assembly 7 pm	22 Lost & Found 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	23 SMR DRAWDOWN 3:30-7:30pm Jerry & the Heartaches 7:30 pm		
24 NFL Sunday 1-7pm Chili Cookoff 1-4pm 	25	26	27 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	28 Thanksgiving Dinner 4-6pm 	29 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 Bingo)	30 Stone Country 7:30 pm		

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8 NFL Sunday 1-7pm 	9 ALA Meeting 7 PM	10	11 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Meeting 7 PM	12 Executive Committee 7 PM	13 Island Breeze 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	14 Crush 7:30 pm		
15 NFL Sunday 1-7pm 	16	17	18 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	19 General Assembly 7 PM	20 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	21 Sharon Dukes & All Star 7:30 pm		
22 NFL Sunday 1-7pm 	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve Get-Together 1-7pm</i>	25 <b>Merry Christmas Post Closed</b>	26	27 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	28 Gary & the Groove 7:30 pm		
29 NFL Sunday 1-7pm 	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve Party TBD-Details to follow</i>	<b>Every Wednesday is Winey Wednesday 4 pm - Closing</b>		<b>Post Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM</b>			



# EARLY BIRD 2024





# CRAFT NIGHT WITH DENISE! - PUMPKIN CENTERPIECE



# ALA UNIT 60 2024 CRAB FEAST







# 2024 POST 60 2024 CHILDRENS' HALLOWEEN PARTY



POST 60  
BEWARE!!



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



**The American Legion  
Post 60  
Allen Hall**  
**18 November, 2024  
1:00 - 7:00 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: [dctyson214@gmail.com](mailto:dctyson214@gmail.com)  
Cell: (410) 491-5028

# Queen of Hearts Jackpot Raffle and Game Night

At American Legion Post 60

Beginning Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 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

## SAL SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION DRAWDOWN

Saturday Nov. 23rd, 2024

3:30pm to 7:30pm

at Laurel American Legion Post 60

2 Main St, Laurel, MD 20707

DONATION: \$45 per couple

Each ticket (admits 2) and includes:

Dinner from 4pm to 6pm

Unlimited Draft Beer and Soda

Limited Open Bar from 4pm to 5pm

A chance to WIN up to \$1000 in Cash

Only 150 tickets Sold



All proceeds will go to support  
American Legion Family  
Programs

Only 150 tickets sold

Every 10<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn wins at least \$45

Last ticket drawn wins \$1000.00

50th ticket wins \$200 and 100th ticket wins

\$400 You do not need to be present to win

Entertainment and Drawing begins at 4:30

For more information contact  
Joe Lohman at [squadron60@verizon.net](mailto:squadron60@verizon.net)  
Any SAL Region Officer or Squadron 60

# FRIDAY FOOD FESTIVAL

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT FROM 5:30 - 8 PM AT POST 60

1ST & 3RD (& 5TH) FRIDAY

**CANTEEN 60**

*Where Something Good  
Is Always Cooking  
By Squadron 60*

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY

**P & G CATERING**

*Classic Favorites with  
a Modern Twist  
By Patricia King*

BECAUSE VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE!

**FOLDING ELECTRIC BIKE RAFFLE**  
**TICKETS 6/\$5.00**

**DRAWING WILL BE HELD**  
**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**SEE: LEE, JOSIE**  
**OR BARTENDER FOR TICKETS**

**Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**  
**Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024**  
**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*

**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)

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

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

**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](http://www.alaforveterans.org)

For additional information contact:  
**ALAPresidentunit60@gmail.com**  
 or  
**Membershipunit60@gmail.com**

Please note: Dual members must pay through Unit 60 Auxiliary

**American Legion Post 60**

**Casey Cares Pajama Drive**

**We Will Be Collecting**  
**October 1, 2024 to March 30, 2025**

**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

*Make A Difference  
 Donate a New  
 Unwrapped Toy*

American Legion Post 60  
 November 1<sup>ST</sup> Thru December 1<sup>ST</sup>

**TOY DRIVE**

FOR LARS *And... Ft. Meade Children Too!*

New, unwrapped toys for children of all ages are needed.  
 Please - No guns, play knives, or weapons of any kind

Contact us at  
 301-725-2302  
 to Donate

American Legion Post 60 Cordially Invites  
 All Post Home Members and their Guest

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
 GET-TOGETHER**

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 1PM to 7PM

Potluck Social

Please Sign-Up at the Events Kiosk In The Lounge To Let Us Know How Many Are Attending And What Covered Dish You Will Be Bringing

To receive monthly newsletters, events planned for the next week and important information for Laurel Post 60, please email the address below to be included.

**STAY INFORMED**

Please scan above QR Code for email address  
[laurelpost60newsandevents@gmail.com](mailto:laurelpost60newsandevents@gmail.com)

## 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



## 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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### 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	Rob Monko
1st Vice	Eddie Souder
2ndVice	Tom Allen
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 Kathy Nuzback for the crock pots.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the early bird party. Tim and Tris did a wonderful job with the food and Bernie rocked behind the bar!

Thank you, Dave Privott, for taking the time to wash the cigar and cigarette ashes off the deck.

Thank you to Richard Arnett for fixing our lounge tables.

Thank you to Unit 60 for hosting a wonderful crab feast!



### 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**

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>