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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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November 2025



Josie Lohman
Commander, AL Post 60



Lee Luby
1st Vice Commander



The holiday season is here, and our Post 60 family is prepared! Over the next couple of months, we have plenty of events planned in both the lounge and the hall for everyone to enjoy. Let's try to remember that the new faces you see are here as guests in our home, whether they're in the lounge or the hall, please greet them with a smile and warm wishes. You may also notice an increase in active-duty personnel during the holidays, most of whom are stationed at Fort Meade. Let's make sure to wish them a wonderful holiday season and thank them for their service.

While our outdoor improvements are complete, internal work with the state has just started. Submitting invoices and waiting for payments from the comptroller takes time, which we have plenty of. Persistence pays off, and if there's one thing I am, it's persistent.

Our Toys for Tots drive is officially underway. Please bring your unwrapped gifts (no toy weapons or candy please) and place them in the boxes located in the lounge. Let's help make this a special year for the deserving children in our community.

Veterans Day: On November 11 we invite you to join the members of Post 60 Legionnaires, SAL, ALA, and ALR at Mission BBQ in Laurel. Our group will host a designated table to show support for all veterans and active-duty service members. The event will feature a live performance of the National Anthem by an active-duty Air Force Staff Sergeant, as well as a group signing the anthem with him. Additionally, cadets from Laurel High School ROTC will present the colors. We will be there from 11-1, come join us!



Our Early Bird Party was a complete success with the lounge and hall packed with Post 60 members. Thanks to everyone who brought food and to Tim and Tris Thomas who whipped up a delicious feast for us to enjoy. Even though the Early Bird event is past we are still working toward membership goals set by Department. We currently are at 60.288% and the next goal is November 13. To reach it, we need 25 more members, so everyone who has not paid their dues for 2026 please renew so that we can reach our next goal. 100% is only 39.712% away and we should be able to reach that easily.



Post 60 1st Vice Luby, Commander Lohman, and Resource Officer David Privott meet with Post 60 member Larry Wideman during a recent visit to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.



Post 60 Entertainment
Tim Thomas
2nd Vice Commander



Hello Post 60 members and their families. The start of November signifies the start of the holiday season, colder weather, and yet another busy month at Post 60!

Post 60's favorite DJ is always happy to take requests and play your favorite tunes on the first and last Friday of every month. DJ Butch is a member of Post 60 and has been entertaining us for years. Stop by and say hello, he is always up for a good conversation. Some of our popular bands will be in this month; Different Sisters, Jerry & The Heartaches, and Rebound. Be sure to check out our calendar for the full schedule.

On Sunday November 16th Post 60 will open at 9am for "Football and Breakfast". There will be a full breakfast buffet available for \$12 per person in Allen Hall from 9am - 11:30am. The Commanders/Dolphins game will be shown in the hall during breakfast. Before you get too excited, the Lounge will also be open for regular business with the game shown on the Big Screen, and we will have our regular football food out for the 1pm games. As always, Shirley will be happy to take care of you no matter what time you come in.

Post 60's 18th Annual Chili Cook-off was held on October 19th, with the usual great turn out. Thank you to all the members who made entries. Your winners were, 1st Place Spicy - Anthony Thomas, 2nd Place Spicy - Steve Tomkins, 1st Place Mild - Jamie Tomkins, and 2nd Place Mild - Rob Monko. Congratulations to everyone!

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast is just around the corner, get ready to eat some delicious turkey! All Post Home Members and their guests are welcomed. Please bring a covered side dish or dessert for everyone else to share and enjoy. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lounge, not only does this help with a head count but it also prevents too many duplicate items.

Thank you, Auxiliary Unit 60, for running the Children's Halloween Party. They did a great job entertaining the little ghosts, goblins and princesses. It was an incredible turnout, and a great time was had by all. Here at Post 60, we are very blessed to have a great Auxiliary Unit. Their volunteers go all out and nonstop for every event they run.

Some of you may know that in addition to me being 2nd Vice Commander at Post 60 I am also an Officer for The Detachment of Maryland, serving as their Historian. In October the Detachment Officers, several Post 60 Members, and I experienced a couple of rewarding experiences. On October 11th we visited Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. We had a very informative tour given by Brandi, their Activities Director. While touring we were able to visit Post 60 member, Larry. He was so excited to visit with us. At the end of the visit Auxiliary Unit 60 presented a donation to Charlotte Hall. Then on October 18th we attended a Headstone Cleaning and Repair Event in Harrington, Delaware at Hollywood Cemetery. The five of us from Maryland that attended cleaned at least 15 Veterans headstones. Thank you, Commander Miller, for the invite to this event. Hopefully, this newly acquired knowledge can be used at some local cemeteries.

I hope everyone one has a great start to their Holiday Season and that many great memories are made by all.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 60

TRUNK or TREAT
STARTS AT 6PM



Followed by
Kickball Under the Lights
starting at 7pm!!

***Wear a costume to get treats
 and then run the bases.
 All ages welcomed!!***

November 1st
 2 Main Street Laurel MD

***Please sign up to give out candy.
 This will help to determine the
 amount of spaces needed.***



Auxiliary Unit 60 Carolyn Monko ALA President



Time for giving thanks and Thanksgiving! I am thankful for many things but this month I would like to thank our Veterans and our Volunteers.

Veterans Day is November 11th but our appreciation to the men and women who served in our military to protect our way of life, extends year-round. Every day is an opportunity to honor and thank a veteran and to let them know how much we acknowledge and appreciate their commitment to duty and their personal sacrifices. Whether it is one of our Post members or someone that you see in your day-to-day life that wears their service on their hat, jacket or license plate, be sure to thank them. There is never enough that we can do to show our gratitude, but every small gesture helps.

On November 11, the Unit 60 Poppy Committee and auxiliary members will participate in Mission BBQ's Veterans Day activities in Laurel. They will be giving out bookmarks with the story of Flanders Field along with other Poppy goodies to hand out.

In honor of our Veterans and to raise money for the causes that support them, the Auxiliary will be doing a Veteran's Day Raffle Basket. Tickets are available from Tris, Carolyn, Denise, or Josie and the drawing will be held at the Queen of Hearts on November 12th.

October was a busy month for our volunteers! Between the Crab Feast, Children's Halloween Party, Chili Cook Off and other events at the Post, our volunteers make it happen. And, not just the Auxiliary, but the SAL, ALR, and Legion members jumped in to make every event that we have and the events at the Post a success so please pat yourselves on the back and know that you are appreciated! Thank you!

During the Holiday Seasons, the Auxiliary has many opportunities for giving. Two of our Post members, Walter and Lorie Smallets, donate their time to the USO in Baltimore and distributed our Give 10 to Education school supplies to Fort Meade schools and to the Military Families that find the USO a welcome resource between flights. The USO gives them food, a place to sleep, a kid's room, and many other amenities to help them in their transition overseas. They are now offering showers but are in need of travel size toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, razors, washcloths, toothbrush, toothpaste. We will be

collecting donations in the bin at the front of the lounge (After the shoe drive is over on the 9th). All bottles and tubes should be travel-size so they can take them on the plane.

Our Crafty Club continues to make beautiful and meaningful Kumihimo and Paracord bracelets for fun and to sell as a fundraiser with proceeds going to Auxiliary and Legion Rider programs. They will be setting up shop at the ALA Fall Conference and donating those proceeds to our Department President's Project of Girls State. They have many themes to choose from, and you can special order, also. They get together on Tuesday nights but can be found crafting on almost any other weeknight for those that would like to learn or help.

Thank you again for all of your donations to LARS, Aluminum Can Pop-Tops. There are many drives for toys and other donations in the Lounge so make giving part of your Holiday Season and Happy Thanksgiving!

VETERAN'S DAY

Basket Raffle

**Includes \$30 Scratch-Offs,
\$25 Mission BBQ Gift Certificate,
and MUCH MORE!**

Tickets on sale October 25th

Drawing on November 12th

Tickets

1 - \$1.00

6 - \$5.00

**See Denise Person, Carolyn Monko,
Tris Thomas or Nancy Gebicke
to Purchase Tickets!**



American Legion Post 60

2 Main Street
Laurel, MD 20707

**AMERICAN
LEGION
AUXILIARY**



AL Riders
Lenny Francioni
Director



Happy November,

Wow! Where has the year gone? As the temps get colder and we're riding less and less, be sure to have them bikes on tenders, and as our Safety Rep Len said, you might want to change out the batteries in your key fobs. If you are one of the odd folks who still like to ride in the cooler weather, be safe and remember to check your tires and make sure they're at the right inflation.

Let us be Thankful for another year together and another riding season complete. Be sure to enjoy the time with family and friends. There is still lots of events happening here at the post over the holiday season so be sure to come out and enjoy the fellowship. If you know someone who needs a phone call or a smile and hug please do, it can change their outlook and you don't even know it.

Very Respectfully,
Lenny M. Francioni



Squadron 60
Chris Davis
SAL Advisor



Flag retirement at Post 60

Post 60 wrapped up our flag retirement activity for the year in late August. Charlie Turner, Squadron 60's Sgt at Arms is also in charge of coordinating flag purchases and scheduling flag retirement events (normally around 3 to 4 per year) coordinating the events with assistance from several post members. (Joe Lohman, Chris Davis, Dave Privott and Bill Baker).

From late-March through August we retired over 1,000 American flags. The key phrase is "retired" While destroying an unserviceable flag by fire is acceptable, it's not a "flag burning" event. If you have a flag that is unserviceable (torn, faded, etc.) you can place it in the mailbox in front of the post. In addition, please see Charlie to receive a replacement, at no charge.

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



**American
Red Cross**



The American Legion
Post 60
Allen Hall

17 November 2025

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: dctyson214@gmail.com
Cell: (410) 491-5028



**American
Red Cross**

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Post 60 Designer Bag BINGO

Sunday Nov. 9, 2025
American Legion Post 60
2 Main Street, Laurel MD

Doors Open at Noon
Bingo Starts at 2:00PM

**ALL PROCEEDS TO
BENEFIT VETERAN'S
SERVICES**

Must Be 21 to Enter
Cash Bar Available
**NO outside alcohol is
permitted on the premises**

Authentic Handbags
COACH
NEW YORK
MICHAEL KORS



22 Games

Pull Tabs

Refreshments

Tickets in Advance \$35

Tickets at the Door \$40

Advance Purchase Recommended
Seating is Very Limited

To Purchase Tickets Contact

Josie Lohman

jjal01@verizon.net

or (301)633-6524

Cash Only, No Checks or

Credit Cards at the Door

(Sorry, PG County Code)

ATM Available

Winey Wednesday
Every Wednesday!
4 pm -Closing

November 2025



The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM 					1 Trunk or Treat-6pm Kick Ball-7pm Sandra Dean Band 7:30 pm
2 NFL Sunday 	3	4 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	5 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	6 SAL Meeting 7 pm	7 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 C&Y)	8 Different Sisters 7:30 pm
9 Coach Purse Bingo!! 2 pm NFL Sunday 	10 US MARINES HAPPY 250TH ALA Meeting 7pm	11 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	12 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Meeting 7 pm	13 Exec. Committee Meeting 7 pm	14 Island Breeze 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 SAL)	15 3 'til Midnight 7:30 pm
16 Football and Breakfast-9am POST OPENS 9:am	17 BLOOD DRIVE 1-6 PM	18 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	19 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	20 General Assembly Mtg 7:00 PM	21 The Jamesons 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	22 Jerry and the Heartaches 7:30 pm
23 NFL Sundays  30	24	25 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	26 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	27 Thanksgiving Dinner 3-5pm POST OPENS 12pm	28 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	29 Rebound 7:30 pm



P&G Catering Every Friday in the Kitchen
5:30 to 9 PM



Winey Wednesday
Every WEDNESDAY
4 pm - Closing

December 2025



The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	3 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	4 NO SAL Meeting	5 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	6 Gary and the Groove 7:30 pm
7 NFL Sunday 1-7pm	8 NO ALA Meeting	9 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	10 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Mtg 7 pm Tampico Grill	11 NO Executive Committee Meeting	12 Lost and Found 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	13 Sharon Dukes and The All-Star Band 7:30 pm
14 NFL Sunday 1-7pm	15	16 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	17 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm QoH Drawing at 7:15pm	18 NO General Assembly Meeting	19 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	20 Wild Grey Hairz 7:30 pm
21 Children's Christmas Party 1-3pm NFL Sunday 1-7pm	22	23 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	24 Post 60 Christmas Party 1-7pm NO Queen of Hearts	25 CHRISTMAS POST CLOSED	26 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	27 Honky Tonk Casanovas 7:30 pm
28 NFL Sunday 1-7pm	29 	30 ALA Craft Night 6:30-9:00pm	31 New Year's Eve Party	Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM		



P&G Catering Every Friday in the Kitchen 5:30 to 9 PM

SO. MD Detachment visits Charlotte Hall Veterans Home





What is a Quilt of Valor?

A Quilt of Valor® (QOV) is a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation." To use the term Quilt of Valor, Quilts of Valor or QOV, the quilt must be a specific size, must have a label with required information, it must be awarded (it is not a gift) and it must be recorded.



MSgt William Dixon, USMC, Ret.
Quilt of Valor Awardee



SO. MD Detachment Cleaning Headstones in Delaware





2025 Children's Halloween Party



Auxiliary Post 60 Presents The CRAFT Club

Every Tuesday
6 – 9 pm



**Kumihimo –
Japanese
Braiding**



Get Crafty With Us

Join us every Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm, at Post 60 (this may change on occasion due to Post usage and/or a scheduled Craft event). We will be enjoying an evening out doing some Kumihimo braiding with and without beads, and any other craft you may want

Let's share ideas and inspiration!

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

American Legion Post 60

GAMEDAY

Every Sunday at 1pm
Hot Dogs and Light Snacks



Open to Members and their guest. Guest must sign in.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 60 presents



**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16TH 9 - 11:30AM
DURING COMMANDERS/DOLPHINS GAME**

**COME WATCH THE GAME IN ALLEN HALL AND ENJOY
THE ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET!!!**

\$12.00 PER PERSON

INCLUDES PANCAKES, SCRAMBLED EGGS, SAUSAGE,
BACON, COFFEE, JUICE,
BISCUITS AND GRAVY, HOME FRIES, TOAST AND FRUIT.

THE LOUNGE WILL OPEN AT 9AM WITH THE GAME ON ALSO!!!

PROFITS BENEFIT POST 60 PROGRAMS



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AMERICAN LEGION POST 60

Thanksgiving POTLUCK DINNER PARTY

We will provide the turkey, mashed potatoes and green beans. Please bring a covered dish, dessert or make a donation.

NOV 27TH 3 - 5 PM

This event is open to all Legion Members and their guest. Please sign up at event kiosk.

2 Main Street - Laurel MD
Allen Hall

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LAUREL'S 11TH ANNUAL FILL-A-TRUCK

Benefitting AMVETS and the Children of Laurel, MD

ACCEPTING MONETARY/ GIFT CARD DONATIONS, NEW CLOTHING (ALL SIZES), NEW TOYS AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 20TH AT

**LVRs, 14910 BOWIE RD.
LVFD, 7411 CHERRY LANE**

For More Information, Call Clyde Williams, LVRs: 301-346-1839 or clydelvrs49@aol.com

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City of Laurel, Police, Fire, American Legion Post 60, Sandy Spring Bank, Bethany Community Church, Maximum Performance Physical Therapy, Mission BBQ, Academy Ford Dealership, Fred's Truck & Trailer, Toys.



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

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Post 60 Color
Guard Flag
Presentation
11:45

LAUREL PARK

VETERANS DAY

STAKES RACING

3 STAKES RACES / \$300,000 IN PURSES

SAT / NOV 8

Free Admission
Free Parking
50% off All Concessions
for Veterans*

*Must present Military ID

P&G

MENU

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3RD, 10TH, 17TH, 24TH & 31ST
AVAILABLE FOR CATERING!!!!

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	\$12
Quesadillas	\$10
Chicken Salad Sub	\$12
Grilled Salmon	\$15

BEVERAGES

Canned Soda & Water	\$1
Sparkling Apple Cider	\$2
Coffee & Hot Cocoa	\$2

Cheeseburger	\$12
Stuffed Chicken	\$15
HOMEMADE DESSERTS	\$4

Weekly Dinner specials &
Soups (check the board!)

cateringyesplease.org

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.**

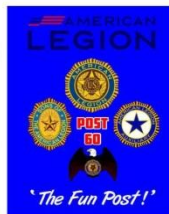
- Please join us on our Facebook page, *American Legion -Laurel Post 60* for Post 60 website links, newsletters, entertainment and activities that are posted on the page.

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
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	Eddie Souder
1st Vice	Vacant
2nd Vice	Rob Monko
3rd 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	Vacant
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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Serving
Veterans and
The Community
Since 1932

POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

Commander's Last Shout

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers for another successful ALA crab feast.

Thank you to Larry Morrell for painting our entrance sign at the post.

Thank you to Tim and Tris Thomas for running another great chili cook-off.

Thank you to Joe Lohman, Bam Bam and Dave Privott for keeping the ballfield maintained during the Little League fall league.

Thank you to all who contributed bags of candy for our Children's Halloween party.



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 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.

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