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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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Josie Lohman
Commander, AL Post 60

The holiday season offers much to appreciate. As we honor the past, enjoy the present, and prepare for the future, we must continue working as one team. We may have different perspectives, but every voice matters. By staying united and focused on our mission, we can move forward together. We look forward to celebrating with you and value your presence at our post. Please be considerate of others by avoiding discussions of politics, religion, or race. Our organization thrives when we respect everyone's values, opinions, voices, and concerns. Each of us plays an important role in this shared effort.

Our membership is growing quickly but we are always looking for new members. Invite family, friends and neighbors to join. You'd be surprised at how many people are eligible to become members and don't realize it. When you see a new face at the Post, introduce yourself and help them feel welcome. It's a small world—you may be surprised by who is sitting beside you.

We need volunteers for upcoming holiday events, especially outdoor Halloween activities. You can also sign up now to cook a turkey, ham or side dish for our Thanksgiving feast.

We will soon collect toys for the local community, so please consider donating one or two. We also need volunteers to place flags on veterans' graves at Ivy Hill Cemetery on November 7. Please meet at the back of the cemetery at 11:00 a.m. This project is a partnership between Post 60 and the city.

We sincerely thank everyone who gives their time, energy, and compassion to help others. Your dedication to our veterans, their families, and our community touches countless lives and reflects the best of who we are. We are deeply grateful for all you do and proud to serve alongside you.

A big hand to all of our seen and "unseen" volunteers who put on a spectacular Halloween event!







Post 60 Entertainment
Tim Thomas
2nd Vice Commander

Hello Post 60 Family!

It's hard to believe November is already here! The holidays are quickly approaching, and before we know it, we'll be ringing in another new year at Post 60.

October was another busy month around the Post, with plenty of activities keeping everyone entertained. As we head into November, there's no slowing down!

Football Sundays continue with games on our seven TVs, food, and plenty of friendly rivalry. Whether you're cheering for your favorite team or just stopping by for some food and fellowship, there's always a reason to spend your Sunday at Post 60.

Need a place to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner? Post 60 is your spot! Join us on Thanksgiving Day from 3 PM to 5 PM. We'll provide the turkey, mashed potatoes, and green beans. All we ask is that you bring a covered dish, dessert, and some good conversation! Whether you're spending the holiday away from family or just want to enjoy Thanksgiving with your Post 60 family, there's always a seat at our table. After all, Thanksgiving is about good food, good friends, and being together.



November is also a special month as we recognize Veterans Day. On November 11th, take a moment to remember the service and sacrifices of the men and women who have worn our nation's uniform. It's because of them that organizations like the American Legion exist.

Looking ahead to December, our annual Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for December 13th, featuring two categories, Mild and Spicy. Think you've got an award-winning chili recipe? Now's your chance to prove it! Sign up at the kiosk and get ready for some friendly competition.



New Year's Eve tickets go on sale November 15th! This year, we're taking it back to the 80s! Break out those 80s outfits and get ready for a great night with a Post 60 favorite, Rebound! Tickets are just $15 per person or $25 for two. Can't make it to the Post ahead of time to purchase tickets? No worries, you can pay at the door! Doors open at 7:30 PM, with finger foods from 8–9 PM and a champagne toast at midnight. Come dressed for the theme and help us ring in 2027!

As always, keep an eye on our Facebook page, flyers, and Post calendar for upcoming entertainment and activities. There's plenty happening as we head into the holiday season!

Remember, this is YOUR Post. Come out, get involved, and help keep Post 60 "The Fun Post!"

For God and Country

Auxiliary Unit 60
Carolyn Monko
ALA President

Thank you to all of our Auxiliary and Legion Family Members who made this year's Auxiliary Fall Crab Feast a HUGE success. We have a great team and added several new volunteers this year that did a wonderful job of helping out. The ALA sold over 250 tickets and went through 42 bushels of crabs. The participants and volunteers all had a great time dancing, picking, and handing out crabs to great music, thanks to Buddy Mastin. We are looking forward to next summer and the SAL's annual event!

With guidance from ALA member, Susan Pruden, Unit 60 is starting a foreign currency collection, and we'd love the leftovers from your global adventures. Our first collection will support UNICEF's Change for Good program, which helps children around the world with things like nutrition, clean water, and emergency relief. So, bring that foreign currency sitting in your drawers down to the Post where we will have a locked collection box in the lounge.

A few things to know:
- Any country, any amount. Coins and bills are both welcome.
- No sorting, counting, or converting needed. Just bring it as is. Doesn't matter how old it is.
- Even a handful of change helps. It adds up quickly across our membership.

Upcoming events for any young people that you know are the Americanism Essay Contest and Girls State applications. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more information.

We have a big weekend for volunteers on the 2nd weekend of November. Saturday, the 7th, volunteers are needed for flag placement at Ivy Hill Cemetery to honor our Veterans. Please be there around 10:45 to get your flags. Sunday, the 8th is Designer Bag Bingo is and volunteers are needed to sell games and to help with the kitchen. If you are interested in being part of the team, contact Josie Lohman or Carolyn Monko.

November 11th is Veteran's Day this year. Although every day is Veterans Day for the Legion, this special day is filled with activities to honor our Nation's Veterans. Along with the Post 60 Color Guard, will be participating in the Mission BBQ celebration and are looking for volunteers to help hand out poppies and explain the meaning behind the poppy symbolism to Veterans and patrons. Please contact Denise Person or Tris Thomas if you are interested in helping.

Thank you to everyone who has been donating shoes, books, and school supplies for our various causes. The shoe drive for Girls State is now over but the need for school supplies and books for the USO at BWI is never-ending! Gently used or new books should be softcover for adult books and either hardback or softcover for children's books.

And, in the spirit of giving, the Legion Family is working with the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad and other local groups on the 12th Annual Fill-A-Truck event. They will be filling the truck with New Toys and Clothing, or you can donate Gift Cards to benefit Amvets and the Children of Laurel. Drop off donations at the Post.

Our next meeting is November 9th at 7:00 p.m. with food served at 6:30. We hope to see some new faces there!



SAL Squadron 60
Joe Lohman
SQDN Commander

Squadron 60 is Number 1 in membership renewals for the Southern Maryland Region. The SAL at Post 60 is having a successful membership year as we are currently sitting at 73.66% of our current membership goal. Your continued commitment allows us to expand our mission and reach new heights in 2027.
Dues Rate:
Regular members = $25
Junior members (under 21) = $15
Dual members (legion and SAL) = $10

On November 16, Squadron 60 in conjunction with the American Red Cross will hold another Blood Drive in Allen Hall. We are looking for donors that can give the gift of life. Depending on blood-bank standards and patient needs, donated blood may support people facing surgery, cancer treatment, emergency care, childbirth complications, or other medical procedures. A sincere thank you to all of our generous donors for supporting our blood drive and helping make a difference in the lives of those in need.

Flag Replacement. The squadron continues its efforts to replace flags throughout our community and ensure that all flags being flown are serviceable and displayed in respectable conditions.
If you see a flag in the community that is damaged, worn, or otherwise in need of replacement, please notify one of the squadron officers. In most cases, we can obtain and replace a new flag within approximately one week.

Thank you for helping us keep our community's flags flying proudly and respectfully.





SAL Flag Officer Charlie Turner replacing a flag at Laurel Elementary school.



AL Post 60 Riders
BamBam Morrell
Director

Since I was very busy with personal rides, we did not go to capture any plaques. I spent the first weekend of the month at Myrtle Beach Fall Rally, the second weekend in Virginia Beach and the third weekend riding with Lenny Francioni and Stephan Snyder up through northeast Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey to go to Cape May Lighthouse. It was a great ride and afterwards we took the Cape May Ferry across to Lewes, Delaware, and stopped at Dover Air Force Base and the Air Mobility Command Museum. It took the entire day but all in all it was a wonderful ride.

Our ladies have been very busy making decorations for the upcoming Halloween Party. In addition to all they are doing for the party they also help with ALR's two Bingo 50/50 nights. Any volunteers to help with 50/50?

The Riders will be having their December meeting at Tampico Grill restaurant on December 9th at 7:00pm so hopefully all can attend to ring in the holiday season and the New Year.

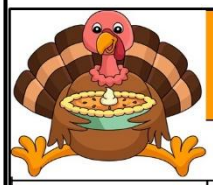
As a side note:
I was honored to see the brand-new USS JFK Nuclear Aircraft Carrier heading out for sea trials while I was returning from Virginia Beach. It was an incredible sight to see.







The **USS John F. Kennedy (CVN-79)** is the **U.S. Navy's second Gerald R. Ford-class nuclear-powered aircraft carrier**. Powered by two A1B nuclear reactors, the ~100,000-ton supercarrier completed acceptance sea trials in August 2026 and is scheduled for official delivery to the Navy in March 2027.



November 2026

Happy Hour
Monday - Friday
4 to 7 PM

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NFL Sunday	2	3 Craft Club 6:00 pm	4 Queen of Hearts 5-7:30 pm	5 SAL Meeting 7 pm	6 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	7 Heat 7:30 pm
8 Coach/Kors Bingo 12-6 pm NFL Sunday	9 ALA Meeting 7pm	10 USMC Birthday Craft Club 6:00 pm	11 Veterans' Day Post opens 1200 Queen of Hearts 5-7:30 pm ALR Meeting 7 pm	12 Exec. Committee Meeting 7 pm	13 Gary Brown Solo 7-10 pm (50/50 SAL)	14 Wild Grey Hairz Band 7-10:30 pm
15 NFL Sunday	16	17 Craft Club 6:00 pm	18 Queen of Hearts 5-7:30 pm	19 General Assembly Mtg 7 pm	20 Joint Venture 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	21 Different Sisters 7:30 pm
22 NFL Sunday	23	24 Craft Club 6:00 pm	25 Queen of Hearts 5-7:30 pm	26 Thanksgiving Day Post opens 1200 Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner 3-5 pm	27 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	28 Groove Quest 7:30 pm
29 NFL Sunday	30		Winey Wednesday Every Wednesday! 4 pm - Closing			



P&G Catering Every Friday in the Kitchen 4 to 9 PM



DECEMBER 2026

Winey Wednesday
Every WEDNESDAY
4 pm - Closing

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM		1 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	2 Queen of Hearts 5-7:30 pm	3 NO SAL Meeting	4 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 C&Y)	5 The Doug Lester Band 7:30 pm
6 NFL Sunday	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	9 Queen of Hearts 5-7:30 pm ALR Meeting @ Tampico Grill 7pm	10 NO Exec. Comm. Meeting	11 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 SAL)	12 Out of Order 7:30 pm
13 NFL Sunday	14 NO ALA Meeting	15 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	16 Queen of Hearts 5-7:30 pm	17 NO General Ass. Meeting	18 Groove Quest 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	19 Lunar Twist 7:30 pm
20 NFL Sunday	21	22 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	23 Queen of Hearts 5-7:30 pm	24 Christmas Eve Party 1-7 pm Post closes at 7 pm	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS POST CLOSED	26 The Greydog Band 7:30 pm
27 NFL Sunday	28	29 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	30 Queen of Hearts 5-7:30 pm	31 NYE Party Rebound 8 pm-12:15 (Tickets required)	Post 60 Kitchen is Open Every Friday 4 to 9 PM	



POST 60 CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY 31 OCT 2026













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THE HAUNTED TRAIL









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Unit 60 • Laurel, Maryland



Americanism Essay Contest
★ 2026 - 2027 ★

THIS YEAR'S THEME:
"How Can You Be a Beacon of Light for Our Veterans?"

OPEN TO: Students in grades 3 through 12

CONTEST DATES: November 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027

SUBMISSION: All essays must be turned in to Sheryl DeWalt at Post 60 by January 31, 2027.
Late entries will not be accepted.

All of our local surrounding elementary, middle, and high schools have been contacted and encouraged to participate.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to express their appreciation for our veterans and reflect on how they can make a positive difference in their lives.

For additional information, visit:
https://www.legion-aux.org/americanism-essay-contest

There is also an Americanism Essay Contest for adults.
We will share additional information as soon as it becomes available from the Department.



2027 Maryland Girls State

LEADERSHIP
FRIENDSHIPS
CITIZENSHIP
OPPORTUNITY

June 20 - 25, 2027
Salisbury University
Salisbury, Maryland

Maryland Girls State is an exciting opportunity for young women to develop leadership skills, learn about government, and experience citizenship in action.

Any young woman who has completed her junior year of high school is eligible to apply.

APPLICATION PERIOD:
November 15, 2026 - May 1, 2027

For questions or additional information, please contact Sheryl DeWalt at s_dewalt@hotmail.com.

Further details can be found at:
https://mdboysgirlsstate.org/girls-state

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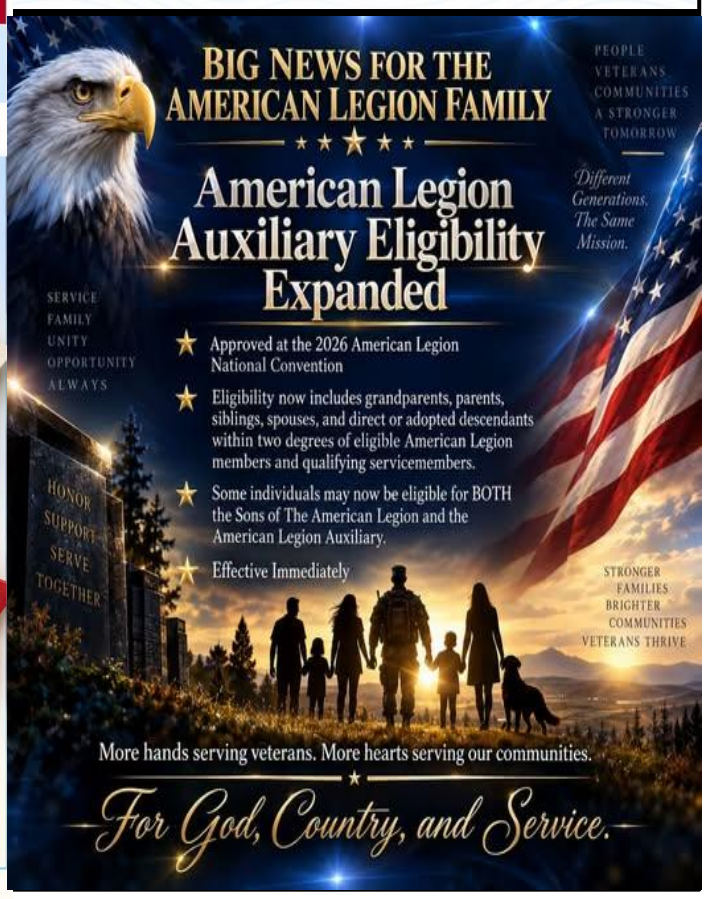
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GRAND OPENING
NOVEMBER 6-7

$1 SMALL SUBS
$2 MEDIUM SUBS
$3 LARGE SUBS



VETERAN-OWNED AND OPERATED
BRYAN DENSON, USAF (RET)
AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 60 MEMBER



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 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	Joe Lohman
1st Vice	Eddie Souder
2ndVice	Vacant
3rd Vice	Ray Torres
Finance	Rob Monko
Chaplain	Tony Scovitch
Sgt-at-Arms	Charlie Turner
Historian	Tom Allen
Adjutant	Joe Lohman
Parliamentarian	Bob DiPietro
Advisor	John Musgrove

Auxiliary Unit 60

President	Carolyn Monko
1st Vice	Penny Garrett
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	Larry Morrell
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Treasurer	Joe Lohman
Sgt-at-Arms	Yan Forrester
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Commander's Last Shout

Thank you to Ray Torres for providing us with late night snacks after bingo, so much appreciated.

Thank you to John Musgrove and Tim Thomas for keeping our Color Guard active and coordinating their events.

Thank you to Abbey Rigney for organizing an amazing Social Sunday Bunker.

Thank you to CJ Thomas for helping out around the post for various "young people" chores.

Thank you to Diane Spears who decorates the lounge for our holidays.

Thank you to Bernie and Mark for opening the lounge early on a Sunday so people could watch the football game in Paris.

A special thanks to members Nancy and David Whipple for letting us use some of their decorations for our Haunted trail!

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

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

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