

# 1932 Serving Veterans and the Community for 92 Years 2024 Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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"The Fun Post"

### October 2024



### Commander's Message Josie Lohman



Fall has arrived, and as we know, that means the holidays are just around the corner. It is a special time for camaraderie and celebration, but most of all it is a time to think of those who are less fortunate. We have already been extremely busy both at the Post and within our community, and there's more to come!

First Vice Commander Shirley Luby and I were invited for the unveiling of the Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center on September 10<sup>th</sup>. This facility aims to serve vulnerable populations impacted by homelessness, near-homelessness, or the lack of accessibility to resources. We had a chance to tour the facility, and we were amazed at what our former mayor and his colleagues were able to bring to our city. If you have a chance to go and tour the facility, please do so, the transformation of the old Sport Fit facility that was located right next to Home Depot, is amazing. The new multiservice center will definitely have a great impact in our community.

We received another invitation for September 20<sup>th</sup> by the City of Laurel to attend Mayor Sydnor's acknowledgment of the 46th National POW/MIA Recognition Day. This day was established by Congress to honor the sacrifice and courage of American prisoners of war (POW) and Americans still missing in action (MIA). The city has placed a Missing Man table at the Laurel Municipal Center. First Vice Commander Shirley Luby, Resource Officer David Privott, and I were extremely honored to attend this event and assist in the raising of the POW/MIA flag.

We hosted MCVET on September 21<sup>st</sup> and treated them to a fun filled day. When the bus arrived, they were greeted by a spectacular flag line. As they were escorted into the building, they couldn't help admiring the many prizes displayed for their bingo games. Before we started all the fun activities they enjoyed a fantastic lunch of steak, fish, baked potatoes, green beans, rice, salad and too many desserts to list! After lunch the softball rivalry between Post 60 and MCVET continued. This year MCVET took home the title of Champions, I'd like to say it was a close game, but the score was 14 to 8. I know Post 60 is looking forward to a rematch. We finished off the celebration in Alan Hall, now it was time to really get serious, there were bingo prizes to win! It was a very rewarding experience for our members. Our American Legion family came together to provide lasting memories to our veterans in need. This is an event that we look forward to every year. The number of volunteers that showed up to help just goes to show that the legion family among us is dedicated to service. Thanks to all who helped organize and work this event. What a day!

It will soon be time to put out the collection box for toys/gifts for LARS and Ft. Meade children. We want to ensure that as many children as possible have a Merry Christmas. Our annual pajama drive for the hospitalized children of The Casey Cares Program has already begun, this is a much-loved program of the American Legion. The drop box is in the Lounge, and we encourage you to drop off a pair of new pajamas, for children of all ages, to help Casey Cares defer the cost of clothing the children in the program. By participating in these programs Post 60 will show our dedication to serving the veterans, their families and the community, so get on board and let the spirit of giving commence!

We are very pleased that more Laurel agencies and businesses are reaching out to us and including Post 60 in their events. To be recognized among the leaders in our community is such an honor. We're making a difference, one day at a time! The "Fun Post" continues to work hard and strive for success in everything we do, with the knowledge that we do it for our Veterans, their families and our community.

Post 60 had its yearly inspection from Department and I'm ecstatic to say, we passed with NO demerits!

For God and Country, Josephine Lohman Commander, Post 60

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### 1st Vice Commander Lee Luby



This month's membership report is inaccurate due to the National Convention and the absence of the Department Adjutant, but here is the estimate. We are in 4th place for Posts having 501-750 members, and our approximate percentage is 50.44%. We have 36 members that have not been credited as well as online renewals, so my estimate is that our true percentage is around 55%. This puts us well within the 50% goal set by Department for mid September and means that we are in the running to achieve goals put in place by our leaders.

Remember that our Early Bird Party is on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-4:00 PM, and your 2025 dues must be paid in order for you to participate in this event. Commander Lohman or I will gladly take your dues and issue you a new card to make you eligible. Food and cash prizes will be available, so pay your dues now and join us for a day of fun, football and free money!!!

Congratulations to Dick Harding who is celebrating his 50th year of membership at Post 60 in 2024. Dick is a veteran of the U.S. Army, and has many amazing stories about his service, including meeting his wife Celina during his enlistment. He has been a member of The Executive Committee for several years and has held the office of Judge Advocate for just as long. We appreciate his loyalty to our Post and his dedication to serving on committees to help us support our Legion, nation and community. We extend a right-hand salute to Dick for his lengthy service.





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



There never seems to be a slow month at Post 60 and October is here to prove it. All the activities and events could not happen without each and every volunteer that makes time in their schedules so that everything runs smoothly. The next time you're at an event thank the volunteers running it. I know I appreciate them, please let them know that you do too!

With the NFL Season in full swing, it is not unusual to see our members in the lounge cheering on their favorite teams. Come on down and join in, the Post provides hot dogs and light snacks during the 1pm games. Some members even bring a little something extra for everyone to enjoy, so you never know what might be available to munch on. One thing is for sure though, there is always a cold beer waiting for you. If you are able, please consider making a donation, this helps purchase food for the following Sunday.

I know that everyone who has renewed their 2025 membership is looking forward to the Early Bird Appreciation Day on Sunday, October 13th. I promise you won't be disappointed; we have some special things planned for you, starting at 1pm during the NFL games you can enter the drawing for a chance to win prizes, and enjoy the taco bar too! On October 19th, our Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Crab Feast. You can contact Carolyn Monko for tickets, get them while they are still available because this is a very popular event and sells out quickly. Our Post 60 Halloween Party will be on October 27th from 1-3pm, keep an eye out for more information to be posted.

As always, we have a full slate of bands scheduled to entertain you this month. DJ Butch is here on the first and last Friday of every month, always ready to take requests and play your favorites. Here are just a few of the bands that are lined up for this month.

Friday October 11th, Island Breeze - Saturday October 12th, Gary and The Groove, Saturday October 19th, Different Sisters - Saturday October 26th, 3 Till Midnight

Be sure to check out the calendar to see who else will be here, I wouldn't want you to miss one of your favorites!

It's the time of year for those of you who enjoy everything pumpkin and sitting around a fire pit on a cool evening with family and friends.

I hope everyone has a good time, but as always, be safe!!

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### Auxiliary Unit 60 Nancy Slavinski ALA President



Fall is here and we are enjoying the cooler weather! Columbus Day and Halloween are the big calendar events for October. National Candy Corn Day is October 30 so include that in any Halloween celebration!

<u>Game night on Wednesdays</u> – The Queen of Hearts is in full swing so plan to come out and enjoy the fun. If you are interested in cooking every other Wednesday evening for Queen of Hearts, please see me.

Carolyn Monko, Chair of the October 19 Crab

**Feast.** Crab Feast tickets are selling well and we will soon be selling raffle tickets for a bushel of crabs. If you are interested in selling tickets, they will be available at the October meeting. Winner does not need to be present to win, this is for a coupon for a bushel that can be redeemed at a later date. We will be having a Cake Wheel at the crab feast and are asking for homemade baked goods, not precut. There is a sign-up sheet in the Lounge if you are able to create something for the fundraiser. Or, if you would like to volunteer for that day, please send an email to Carolyn Monko at carlymon4@gmail.com.

**Denise's Craft Corner:** The second of four events (Pumpkin Centerpiece) is on the list for **October 21, from 6:30-9:30PM**. Please contact Denise or sign up in the Lounge. What a great way to spend the evening and meet new friends! Look out for the upcoming flyer at the Post and websites!

**ALA Halloween Children's Party, 1-3PM, is October 27**. If you would like to volunteer or donate candy, please see Denise.

**<u>Track It Forward</u>**: 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** will continue so please contribute those aluminum can pop-tops (any 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.

<u>November Raffle Basket</u> – stay tuned for the next ALA raffle basket as it was a hit last year. Can you guess what it is???

ALA contact info: **President - Nancy Sgambato Slavinski**, <u>alapresidentunit60@gmail.com</u>; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice - Denise Person<u>, dp.0325@icloud.com</u>; Secretary – Lucy Haggerty, <u>secretaryunit60@gmail.com</u>. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Carolyn Monko's email is under

Membership above.







### Renew your 2025 ALA membership

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## POST 60 GOES FISHING??



# SO MUCH FOR THE FISH FRY !!

### At American Legion Post 60

and Game Night

ackpot Raffle

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



### ALR Riders Lenny Francioni Director



ALR 60 hosted the fall State ALR Meeting, and it was super successful. Hooters did a great job supplying the wings, extra sides and lots of desserts. Post 60 Legion Family pulled together to support this event in a multitude of ways. Thanks to all who came out and helped!



With 294 acres of serene beauty, the American Legion Riders rode to the south-eastern shore to Patriot Point, a retreat that provides a safe, secure and tranquil outdoor recreational retreat facility for wounded, ill, and injured active-duty service members, veterans, their families and caregivers who face daily struggles related to their time spent defending our great nation.









After visiting the Point, it was nice that 30 bikes and two cages only had a one-hour to Jeff Davis Post 18!





We also held a flag line for the MCVET veterans from Baltimore as they rode into Post 60 for their 10th annual event. It was a nice, but small turnout of approximately 30 vets. Gold star families were happy to lend a helping hand.



All in all, September was a great month for events, and now we look forward to the cooler weather and gearing up for the new riding season.

Lenny ALR Director

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EARLY BIRD SOCIAL 1:00-4:00 pm	14 ALA Members Meeting 7 pm	15	16 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	17 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	18 Andy & Amy Duo 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	19 CRAB FEAS 4:00-7:00 pn DJ Butch Different Sister 7:30 pm	
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24 NFL Sunday 1-7pm	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		



Sunday October 13, 2024 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Lite food and snacks will be provided. A Complimentary Drink Wristband will be given to all 2025 Members

Members must have their 2025 membership card with them. Renewals will not be accepted at the door

1-Apm

### SAL SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION RAWDO

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 10th 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 Any SAL Region Officer or Squadron 60



Games, Prizes, Trick or Treat Trail, Crafts and much, much more! Costume Parade @ 2:45. Hot Dog Lunch provided while supplies last. Goodie bags for the first 100 children.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! FIRST COME FIRST SERVED** 

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Sunday, Nov.10th American Legion Post 60 2 Main Street, Laurel MD

Doors Open at Noon Bingo Starts at 2:00PM

All Proceeds to Benefit American Legion Programs and Community Projects

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



22 Games Pull Tabs

### Refreshments

Tickets in Advance \$30 Tickets at the Door \$35

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



### American Legion Post 60

Casey Cares Pajama Drive We Will Be Collecting October 1, 2024 to March 30, 2025 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 **Gign-up**... at the Kiosk

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

### 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

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

Please note: Dual members must pay through Unit 60 Auxiliary



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2ND & 4TH FRIDAY

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> Contact us at 301-725-2302 to Donate



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### **Commander's Last Shout**

Thank you to Tim and Tris Thomas for preparing the wonderful football food on Sundays.

Thank you to everyone who makes those generous donations on Sundays, which enables us to continue providing you with food for football Sundays.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that showed up to help with MCVET.

Thank you to Shirley Luby for her dedication and commitment to our American Legion family, I don't know what I would do without you.

Thank you to Ray Torres for providing us with another wonderful dinner.



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

### **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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