



The American Legion



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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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"The Fun Post"

October 2025



Josie Lohman
Commander, AL Post 60



Lee Luby
1st Vice Commander



We sincerely thank all Post 60 family members for their patience throughout our construction period. The project is nearly complete - only a few permits and final tasks remain. Although the process took longer than anticipated, we are pleased with the outcome.



There have been inquiries regarding the financing of such a large-scale project. We are grateful to announce that we received approval for a legislative bond through the State of Maryland, which made this possible. This achievement would not have been possible without the support and guidance of our delegates from the 21st District, who played a crucial role in assisting us throughout the process. We are currently in the final stages of funding, as most of you know dealing with a government process takes time.

On another note, we had our annual Post inspection from Department and did not receive a single demerit. Thanks to a wonderful Executive Committee for all your assistance in keeping Post 60 running smoothly and efficiently!

Now it's time to relax for a bit and enjoy the beautiful fall weather on the deck, for a little while at least. Some of the best functions happen at this time of year too. I'm really looking forward to our early bird celebration, the ALA crab feast, the SAL drawdown, and my favorite – the children's Halloween party!

We have reached our goal of 55.208% for October and are well on our way to our ultimate goal of 100%. If you haven't renewed your 2026 membership, please do so before October 12th so that you'll be eligible for all of the activities at our Early Bird Celebration. No cards will be renewed at the party, however, please be sure to bring your 2026 card with you to the event. All eligible members will be given a wristband for free drinks and a chance to win the cash prizes that will be given away every 15 minutes. See you there!

*Post 60 Early Bird Members
Appreciation Social*

Pay your 2026 dues Early and Join the Party!

THE
AMERICAN
LEGION **FAMILY**

Sunday
October 12, 2025
1:00 to 3:00 PM

**CASH DRAWINGS
EVERY 15 MINUTES!**

Lite food and snacks will be provided.
A Complimentary Drink Wristband will be
given to all 2026 Members

Members must have their
2026 membership card with them
Renewals will not be accepted at the door

**RENEW NOW
&
JOIN THE
FUN!**



Post 60 Entertainment
Tim Thomas
 2nd Vice Commander



Hello Post 60, Autumn has crept on us just like that. It's time for those cool morning walks with a nice hot cup of coffee. As everyone knows fall brings out the little ghosts and goblins on October 31 for Halloween. Make sure you keep a lookout for them when you're traveling around that night. Just in case you need a little extra dose of cuteness, we will have a bunch of the little trick-or-treaters around Post 60 for you to enjoy. On the 26th Auxiliary Unit 60 will be hosting their Annual Kids Halloween Party from 1-3pm. Then on Saturday, November 1st, we will have our 1st Annual Trunk-or-Treat starting at 6:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is available at the Events Kiosk, if you plan to hand out candy, please sign-up. This is the only way I will know how much of the back parking lot we will need to reserve. After the treating that night there will be a Kickball Game under the lights at 7pm. ALL AGES WELCOME for this event!

Football season is in full swing. Come down to Post 60 to watch your favorite team play while enjoying your favorite beverage. The 1:00 pm games shown on the Big Screen and Large Lobby TV cannot be changed, however, with the NFL Package we can try to accommodate our members and show different games on seven televisions. As always during the 1:00 pm games we put out Hot Dogs and buns with all the fixings. There are also a variety of light snacks to choose from. A big THANK YOU to Rocky and Spicer who made generous donations to help with Week one and four to cover most of the cost of the food. All monetary donations are appreciated on Sundays; this helps with the cost to buy food for the following week.

On Sunday October 12th we will have our annual Early Bird Social from 1-3pm. Make sure you renew your membership by October 11th. This is the only way to qualify to participate in the Early Bird Social, and you could win a CASH PRIZE!! No memberships will be renewed on the day of the event; this allows EVERYONE that renewed early to enjoy the event.

Thank you to everyone that came out to the Labor Day Picnic. This wrapped up the cookouts for this year, but I will definitely be planning a few fall and winter potlucks. Be sure to keep an eye out for dates.

American Legions Post 60 Annual Chili Cook-Off will be on October 19th (Commanders/Cowboys Week); a sign-up sheet is at the Event Kiosk. Hopefully, this gives everyone enough time to start experimenting with their recipes. This event is always very popular with our members; everyone looks forward to participating and enjoying all the flavors the Post 60 chefs create.

Everyone, have a great October! Stay safe out there, and thanks again for all your support!

AMERICAN LEGION POST 60

Chili Cook-off

COME WATCH FOOTBALL AND ENJOY SOME BEVERAGES AND CHILI!!

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 19TH 1PM-4PM

2 CATEGORIES
 SPICY AND MILD

JUDGES VOTE FOR THE BEST HEAT/FLAVOR

CHILI TO BE IN PLACE BY 1PM JUDGING STARTS AT 1:30PM

SIGN UP AT THE EVENT KIOSK BY OCTOBER 12TH

ALL LEGION MEMBERS AND GUEST CAN ENJOY THE CHILI, BUT MUST BE A MEMBER OF POST 60 TO ENTER IN CHILI COOKOFF. GUEST MUST SIGN IN.

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Auxiliary Unit 60 Carolyn Monko ALA President



Happy Rocktoberfest! That's right, because Unit 60 is rocking all through October. On October 12th, all members who have renewed their membership by October 1st are invited to an Early Bird Social at the Post. It will run from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. with cash drawings every 15 minutes. You will need to bring your current membership card to receive a wristband for participating in the drawings – plus the complimentary drinks and light fare!

The ALA Annual Crab Feast is October 18th from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. There will be a dinner buffet from 4:00 until 5:00 and all you-can-eat crabs from 5:00 until 7:00. Free beer and soft drinks are included; Bernie will be at the bar for all other beverage purchases. D.J. Butch will be making music magic, and everyone always has a good time on the dance floor working off crabs and dessert. There will be a band in the lounge afterwards, so the fun continues on. Tickets are \$70.00 and are available at the post. You can contact Carolyn at carlymon4@gmail.com or text to 301-641-9007.

Come back the next day if you want to enjoy a spicy hot bowl of chili and to cheer on your favorite football team. The Annual Chili Cook-off is from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. If you would like to bring in your own chili for judging, have it there by 1:00.

Join us on October 26th as a volunteer or bring the kids and grandkids to the Children's Halloween Party. It runs from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. and the kids get lunch, a haunted treat maze, crafts, games, tattoos and more! If you would like to volunteer to help out that day, please contact Denise Person at dp.0325@icloud.com.

If you don't get enough candy at Halloween, you might be in for a nice surprise. The Department of Maryland's theme this year is "Sweet on our Veterans", and each district is represented by a different candy. Our District (5) is Butterfinger, so if you see those sweet treats popping up at our meetings or around the Post, that is a reminder to thank and take care of our Veterans!!

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Our Crafty Club members are meeting on Tuesday nights to create Kumihimo and Paracord Bracelets for a joint ALA and Riders fundraiser. Come on down to make your own, help them out, or bring your own craft ideas. Check out their flyer to see all of the special orders that they can create just for you, or order something special for a friend. Thank you to Denise Person, Nancy Gebicke, and Christel Lopez-Berryman for coordinating this, and for all of their hours of work!

The September Craft Fair had a great assortment of creative vendors with something for everyone plus music and prizes. Thank you to Penny Garrett for chairing this event, and she is already working on a Spring show!

We would like to thank everyone who has donated to our special causes, LARS, Give 10 to Education, and Pop Tops/Pull Tabs. We will be bringing the Give 10 to Education School Supplies to Fort Meade and starting the Shoe Drive to support the American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Bring in new or gently used shoes to "Shoe Us the Love"! Collected shoes are used to help small businesses in developing nations and the Auxiliary receives money to support our emergency fund. Don't forget to ask friends, family, and co-workers if they have shoes they no longer want or never used. There will be a donation bin in the Lounge for donations.

Reminder that the Department Conference in Ocean City is from October 31st to November 2nd.

Sunday, Oct. 26

happy halloween

1-3 pm

AMERICAN LEGION POST 60

Fall Festival for children ages 2-12

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!

Allen Hall, 2 Main Street, Laurel, MD 20707



AL Riders
Lenny Francioni
Director



Happy October,

The fall leaves are changing and laying about the ground, be safe when riding for it's slick and you can go down. Keep the shinny side up, and the sun at your back with the wind in your face, oh the places you can go.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the state meeting a success yet again.

We have the Children's Halloween party coming up this month.

If anyone has any ideas for fall riding to see some changing leaves, let's plan on heading out before the weather turns too cold for those who don't ride in weather colder than their age.

Very Respectfully,
Lenny



Squadron 60
David Tyson
Blood Drive Coordinator



Both the American Legion Post 60 and the American Red Cross would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of the donors who joined us on August 25th. The summer months have always been a difficult time for blood collections as many folks are either on vacation or are preparing for the return to school.

At the August drive, we had 29 individuals registered to donate. Along with the routine no-shows as well as deferrals, we were able to collect 20 pints of whole blood and 8 pints of Red Blood Cells for a total of 28 pints of blood.

Our next Blood Drive is currently scheduled for Monday November 17th from 1:00 - 6:00 PM.

We look forward to seeing everyone then.



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

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

Authentic Handbags

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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.*



October 2025



The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Every Wednesday</u> is Winey Wednesday 4 pm - Closing   	Happy Hour Mon - Fri 4 to 7 PM	1 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	2 SAL Meeting 7 pm	3 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	4 Sharon Dukes & All-Star Band 7:30 pm	
5 NFL Sunday 	6	7 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	8 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Mtg 7 pm	9 Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm	10 Island Breeze 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	11 In ToneNation 7:30 pm
12 Post 60 Early Bird Social 1-3pm  NFL Sunday	13 US NAVY HAPPY 250 TH ALA Mtg 7 pm	14 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	15 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	16 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	17 Groove Quest 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	18 ALA CRAB FEAST 4-7 pm Greater Image 7:30 pm
19 NFL Sunday 	20	21 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	22 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	23	24 Acoustic Cafe 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	25 SAL So. MD Drawdown 3:30-7:30 pm Out of Order 7:30 pm
26 Kid's Halloween Party 1-3 pm   NFL Sunday	27	28 ALA Craft Night 6:00-9:00pm	29 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	30	31 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 Bingo)	
<div> P&G Catering Every Friday in the Kitchen 5:30 to 9 PM </div>						

November 2025



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



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



Presentations to the Laurel Community



Tiger Cub Cooper Phippen is presented the flag that he helped raise during the June 14th Flag Retirement Ceremony.



John Musgrove, Alicia Phippen, Cooper, Charlie Turner, SQD 60 Flag Retirement Coordinator, and SQD 60 Commander Eddie Souder.



Past Squadron 60 Commander Rob Monko presents a check to Laurel Deputy Chief of Police Mark Plazinski and Chief of Police Russell Hamill.



Rob Monko presents a check to LVRs Deputy "A" Chief Mark Arsenault and EMS Captain Scott Globberman.



Laurel's Proud First Responders.



2025 American Legion Post 60 Boys State and Girls State Alumnae



John Willets looks on as Tracey Ephrem describes their Boys State experience to the SAL and Post 60 Executive Committee audience. David Privott, Post 60 Resource Officer, and Eddie Souder, Squadron 60 Commander proudly look on.



John and Tracey surrounded by proud Post 60 members.



(L-R) Rocky, Valerie Ruano, Laila Lester, Sheryl, Sophia Leons.



(L-R) Ms. Ruano, Valerie Ruano, Mark Lester, Laila Lester, Sheryl, Sophia Leons, behind is Sophia's mom Mrs. Leons, and Anne Lester.

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
LAUREL Post 60

CRAB FEAST

\$70/PERSON

SATURDAY, OCT. 18TH

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Doors open at 3:30

Food served at 4 pm

Pulled Pork & Chicken,
Crab Soup, Salads,
Baked Beans & Desserts

Crabs served 5 - 7 pm

Soda & Draft Beer included
Cash Bar for Wine & Mixed Drinks



DJ, Money Wheel,
Pull Tabs and 50/50s!



Ticket sales limited to 250 people.

Ticket purchases at Post 60 ONLY!

For tickets contact: Carolyn Monko
301-725-2302 or at carlymon4@gmail.com

 NO Tickets Sold at the Door. 
Adults only | Must be 21 years old to attend.

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SAL SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION DRAWDOWN

Saturday Oct. 25th, 2025

3:30pm to 7:30pm

at Laurel American Legion Post 60

2 Main St, Laurel, MD 20707

DONATION: \$50 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 \$50
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

Last Chance Drawing Winner gets \$100
And must be present to win
For more information contact
Any SAL Region Officer or Squadron 60

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.**

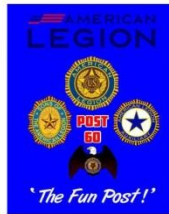
- Please join us on our Facebook page, *American Legion -Laurel Post 60* for Post 60 website links, newsletters, entertainment and activities that are posted on the page.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/364213691671/>



Post 60 T-Shirts

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American Legion Logo!



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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	Mike Obremski
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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Laurel Post 60
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Laurel, Maryland 20707-4304

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Commander's Last Shout

Thank you to Lesley Brinton for helping us prepare for our post inspection
Thank you, John Brinton, for opening on the weekends when Tim and I cannot
Thank you, Spicer, for your generous donation towards football food on Sundays
Thanks to our lively ALA ladies that are always putting smiles on our members faces!



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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**For members who do
not have E-Mail**

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