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Commander's Message Lee Luby

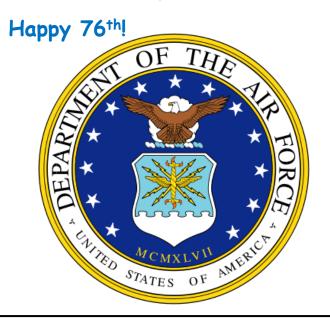


It's hard to believe that Summer is over, and that Fall is here. Goodbye to warm weather and sun filled nights. Oh well, it had to happen so bring out your sweaters, put away your sandals and enjoy the fact that we are still here to enjoy another season.

September is a busy time for the American Legion. On the 11th we remember and honor those who died during the terrorist attacks on New York City, the Pentagon and the crash of United Flight 93 in Pennsylvania. Patriot's Day, truly a day to remember and to think about. We are so lucky to have recovered and resumed our lives in such a short time. Let us always remember.

September 15th brings POW/MIA Recognition Day which is set aside to honor the commitment and sacrifice made by this nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing as well as their families.

Also, on September 18th we celebrate the birthday of the U.S. Air Force, the second youngest of our service branches. Happy Birthday to the branch of service of Josie Lohman and so many other members of our Post.



Constitution Week (September 17-23), observes the adoption of our U.S. Constitution.

Finally, Gold Star Mother's Day happens on September 24th. This day recognizes and honors mothers whose sons or daughters paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the U.S. military. Post 60 is honored to have a Gold Star Mothers chapter as a program of our Post.

What a hectic month! So much going on at the Legion on a national level, as well as at our Legion. Be sure to look at the calendar page so that you don't miss any of the activities for this month.

We look forward to seeing you at Post 60 and bring your kids to enroll in our Juniors Program. It's important to get our Juniors involved to continue our work in the future.



Monday, September 4th From 1 to 3 PM

Open to All Post Home Members And Their Family

> Sign-up by August 27th at the events kiosk A head count is needed so we don't run out of Burgers & Dogs!

Also, Please let us know what Covered Dish, Dessert, Or Snack you will be bringing; Otherwise a \$5 contribution will gratefully be accepted!

Cornhole, & DJ Butch! 1 to 6 PM



Auxiliary Unit 60 ALA President Nancy Slavinski



Labor Day is upon us on September 4th and schools will soon be in session (if not already). The summer flew by, and Fall is arriving in a few weeks. Here's hoping that you all had a nice summer to relax and did whatever you wanted to do for fun.

Cooler weather is in the offering and we're all ready for relief from the heat!

September is Suicide Prevention Month and National Suicide Prevention week is September 10-16th. While we hope you never need it, '988' is the suicide and crisis lifeline.

Sharing some notable dates in September:

7th – National Beer Lovers Day; 11th – 911 Patriot Day; 15th – National POW/MIA Recognition Day; 16th – American Legion Day; 17th – Constitution Day; 18th – U.S. Air Force birthday (1947); 20th – National Pepperoni Pizza Day; 23rd – Autumnal Equinox (equal hours of daylight and darkness); 24th – Gold Star Mother's Day; and 29th – National Coffee Day.

SAVE THE DATE for the next Wine and Wreath night on October 26th, More details to come!!

We'll also be hosting the **Crab Feast** in October so plan to purchase your tickets early in September to be sure to get a seat. For additional information see the flyer on page 11. See Nancy or Carolyn if you have any questions or need more information. Volunteers are needed for set up, games, desserts and clean-up. A sign-up sheet is located in the Lounge. Please use www.laurelpost60.org/events.html to purchase tickets.

Our 50/50 continues on the first and last Friday of each month and a Coffee/Tea Raffle Basket will be held on the last Friday of August. The basket is on display in the Lounge. We need more volunteers to sign up on both Fridays so if you can spare an evening, please sign up in the Lounge.

DONATIONS NEEDED: We are still collecting Pull Tabs from cans of any sort to help us assist the Ronald McDonald House. The school supply drive continues for Give 10 to Education for Laurel Elementary School. Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services is in desperate need of diapers – any size would be appreciated. There are boxes located in our Post Lounge for all these items.

Kudos to Justyse Saia for her assistance in the Snack Shack during the Little League baseball events. You rock, Justyse!!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Total members paid to date for FY2024 are 12% of goal.

You can now renew your 2024 membership online or call:

1. https://www.legion-aux.org/Renew -or-

2. (**317**) **569-4570** The hours to call are Monday-Friday, 8 AM-4:30 PM EST -or-

3. Drop off payment at the Post

Questions? <u>carlymon4@gmail.com</u> (Carolyn Monko)



Renew your 2024 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





SAL Squadron 60 Commander Rob Monko

Greetings,

On August 15th, 1969, in a field near Max Yasgur's Farm, a three-day concert was held featuring 24 rock bands and drew a crowd of over 300,00, it was called Woodstock. In July of 2003, in an outfield at Marr Field, Post 60 held a Car Show. Last month the SAL continued that tradition and although our crowd numbered a thousand but not more than two, we had more cars and bikes than Woodstock had bands (136). Chairman Mike Templeton and I want to thank all the volunteers who made this yet again, another successful SAL event.



SQD Commander Monko presents the SAL Commander's Choice Award to Rod Hendrick at the 2023 Car and Bike Show

September is an historical month and one that should provide some of the reasons why we are members of The Sons of the American Legion:

September 2nd, 1945 – President Harry Truman declared a second V-J Day (Victory over Japan Day) celebrating the formal Japanese surrender to the Allies aboard the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay. A time of reflection and remembrance for all who gave the ultimate sacrifice and those who returned from the conflict, so we have been able to live and prosper in the greatest nation on earth. Thank you, veterans.

September 13-14th, 1812: The Battle of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor, observed by Francis Scott Key who was being held captive aboard a ship. He watched the British attack overnight and at dawn saw the American flag still flying over the fort, inspiring him to write the verses which were later coupled with the tune of a popular drinking song and became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931. God Bless America! September 18th, 1947: The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service from the United States Army Air Force (AAF). Happy birthday to the USAF and to its veterans who have chosen to serve and defend our nation from tyranny and protecting our freedoms and liberties. For God and Country!

The Queen begins her reign after Labor Day on Wednesday, September 6th. Festivities begin at 6 PM concluding around 7:15 PM for the revealing. Consider dropping by the Post to support the event and/or help as a volunteer (Volunteering is cheaper on the wallet!) All proceeds benefit American Legion programs and our local community.

Lastly, a reminder that the Bartender's Challenge will be held Saturday, September 16th, starting at 3:30 PM, benefiting Detachment Commander Lohman's commander's project and the National Campaign Fund for our senior leadership working at the national level.

Jackpot Raffle and Game Night At American Legion Post 60 Beginning Wednesday, September 6th, 2023

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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

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American Legion Riders Lenny Francioni Director



Post 60 had a great turn out for the SAL Car & Bike Show on August 8th. The beautiful weather brought out more than 20 bikes with four taking top prizes in the Motorcycle Category.







ALR 60 is participating in a wreath laying ceremony at Arlington's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on September 2nd, Please contact us if you would like to attend and/or need more information.

On September 23rd, the Maryland Center for Veterans (MCVET) will be escorted from their center in Baltimore to Post 60 by the ALR. Post 60 Riders will muster at the Post, with "kick stands up" 9:00-9:15AM. Scheduled arrival in Baltimore at 10:00 with departure from MCVET when all buses have been loaded.

The State ALR meeting will be held at Post 60 on Saturday, Sept 30th, in Allen Hall. Starting time has yet to be determined.



Other drinks available for purchase you can bring your own snacks, No outside drinks allowed

For tickets contact Rozanne at 301-383-5964 or Joe Lohman at JJAL02@verizon.net Proceeds benefit American Legion Programs "Limited number of tickets available" Sponsored by the Laurel American Legion Riders

<u>2 Main Street Laurel Md. 20707</u>

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Post 60 Entertainment Josie Lohman, 2nd Vice Commander



September has finally arrived! The kids are back in school, football is right around the corner, and pumpkin spice will once again be all the rage.

We've had some great events this summer and fall will be no exception. Monday, September 4th join us for our annual Labor Day picnic from 1 to 3 PM, DJ Butch will be providing the entertainment. Please sign up at the events kiosk desk and bring your favorite side dish to share, as usual we will be providing the hotdogs and hamburgers.

Sunday, September 10th is our first official football game of the season. Once again, we will be providing the usual football food for everyone to enjoy. If you would like to contribute, please bring whatever strikes your fancy. I know whatever it is, it will be wonderful! Donations are gladly accepted, and these funds allow us to continue providing you with food during the Sunday 1:00 PM games. Happy hour prices are also in effect, this includes domestic beer, draft beer, wine and rail drinks.

I am looking for volunteers to help with football food on Sundays. The food is always purchased in advance and ready to be prepared for Sunday's games. I just need help on the days that I am out of town. Please reach out to me if you are interested.

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed, Or are you just content that your name is on our list? Do you attend the meetings and mingle with others too, Or do you stay at home and wonder just what we do?

Do you take an active part to help our work along, Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs? Do you ever voluntarily help us out when needed, Or leave the work to just a few, our call for help unheeded?

Come to the meetings when you can and help with hand and heart. Don't be just a member, please take an active part. Your support would be appreciated, you know that I'm not wrong... Are you an ACTIVE MEMBER or do you just belong?

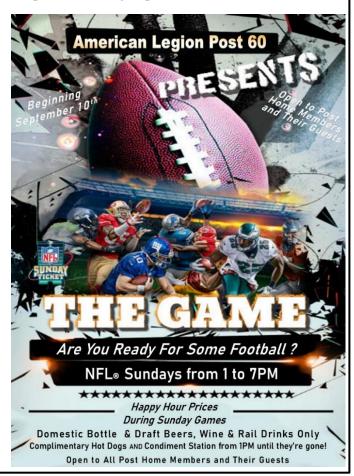




Our five-dollar and two-dollar football pools will resume the first week of September, so have your money ready, because I'll be asking for it! We still have plenty of squares on the second \$100 football pool for those of you who have not secured your spot. Please see the commander or myself and get your square today.

The SAL Queen of Hearts will return from her hiatus on September 6th, games begin at 5 PM and at 7:15 PM we see who will have the first chance to find her.

On Saturday, September 23rd we are hosting MCVET Day, **this is a great honor for us**. We will cook them a nice lunch, play some baseball, and enjoy an afternoon of bingo games for them to win some fabulous prizes. **A lot goes into running this event and we are looking for volunteers to help with everything!** Just a couple hours of your time would be a tremendous help. There is a sign-up sheet at the kiosk.





Joe's Journey



It's hard to believe it's close to three months as Detachment Commander. Once again, I must say how honored and humbled I am to serve as your Detachment Commander for the 2023-2024 administration.

I have really enjoyed traveling so far in this journey. Since the last newsletter, I had the honor of installing Squadron 66 in Bowie and Squadron 135 in Perryville. We did an Eastern Shore 'caravan' where we attended a fundraiser at Jeff Davis Post 18, in Centerville, MD. From there we stopped by Cecil Post 15 in Elkton, MD and had a brief meeting with the Post Commander and Squadron 15 officers. They are a very friendly post, purchasing12 of my Detachment T-shirts! Our final stop of the day was at Susquehanna Post 135 in Perryville where we were greeted with open arms from Post Commander 'Kevin' and all the Units of the Post 135 family.

The very next day we were in Greenbelt attending the 'Boys Nation' banquet. It was such an honor meeting all 100 Boys Nation participants (2 from each state) and to be seated at the same table with Department Commander Higgins, National Commander Vincent Troiola along with two Boys Nation participants from Maryland and New York.



National Commander Vincent Troiola joins Joe Lohman, Commander, Detachment of MD, at the Boys Nation banquet at Post 136 in Greenbelt.

Later that week I honor to present the David Barr Memorial Award to one of the top First Responders in the State of Maryland. This event occurred during the Mason-Dixon Post 294 family installation in Rising Sun, MD. The weekend after that was just as busy. We started off by attending a fundraiser at Howard L. Turner Post 276 in Severn, MD. The next day we were back on the Eastern shore attending the Talbot Post 70 family installation in Easton, MD.



Joe Smith (top row, second from left) receives the David Barr Memorial Award for Top Responders in Maryland

As for my project to build a pavilion at Southern Maryland Youth Camp, we will be holding our first fundraiser to support the project with the 5th Annual Battle of the Bartenders taking place at Laurel Post 60 on Saturday, September 16th, starting at 3:30 PM. The event is free to members and their guests. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for additional information.

We are also selling football squares to benefit the project. If you are interested in purchasing a block, please see Josie Lohman. On October 28th, the SAL Southern Maryland Region will be holding their annual Drawdown to benefit the project. This event will also be at Laurel Post 60 in the afternoon. Flyers providing additional information for these events can be found later in the newsletter.

As summer ends, I wish everyone a safe and happy Labor Day weekend. Thank you again for all your support.

Sincerely, Joe Lohman Commander Detachment of Maryland



September 2023						
The American Legion Laurel Post 60						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM		Post 60 Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM			¹ The Groove Quest 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 C&Y)	2 Impulse 7:30 pm
3	4 Post 60 Labor Day Picnic 1-3pm w/DJ Butch	5 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	6 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	7 SAL Meeting 7 pm	8 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 SAL)	9 Out of Order 7:30 pm
10 NFL Sunday 1-7 pm	11 9/11 NEVER FORGET	12 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm ALA Members Meeting 7 pm	13 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Meeting 7 pm	14 Exec. Committee Meeting	¹⁵ Amy Andy 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALR)	16 Battle of the Guest Bartenders 3:30-6:00 pm DJ Butch 7:30 pm
17 NFL Sunday 1-7 pm	18	19 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	20 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	21 General Assembly Meeting 7 pm	²² Escape Goat 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	23 MCVET's Day 12:00-?? The Stillwater Band 7:30 pm
24 NFL Sunday 1-7 pm	25	26 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	27 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	28	²⁹ Lost & Found 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 Bingo)	30 The Jamesons 7:30 pm
October 2023 The American Legion Laurel Post 60						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NFL Sunday 1-7pm	2 Color Guard Meeting 7 PM	3 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	4 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	5 SAL Meeting 7 PM	⁶ Masser, Schneider & Tilkens 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	7 Black Falls Band 7:30 pm
8 NFL Sunday 1-7pm	9	10 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm ALA Meeting 7 PM	11 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Meeting 7 PM	12 Executive Committee 7 PM	13 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	14 CRAB FEAST Food 4-5 pm Crabs 5-7 pm DJ Butch 3 Till Midnight 7:30 pm
15 Early Bird Social 1-4 pm NFL Sunday 1-7pm	16	17 Tuesday Night Darts 7 pm	18 Winey Wednesday 4 pm Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	19 General Assembly 7 PM	20 The Reilly Goualt Band 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	21 Children's Halloween Party 1-3 pm Intonenation 7:30 pm
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29 NFL Sunday 1-7pm						



Mayor Craig Moe pays tribute to Laudis during his Centennial Moment.



1932 Laudis becomes a Charter Member of the newly established SAL Laurel Squadron 60 and has continued his membership for 81 years!

Laudis A. Turney U.S. Navy 8 DEC 1942 - 6 FEB 1946 MOMM 3/C (Motor Machinist Mate Third Class Petty Officer)

> **CAMPAIGNS** Pacific Theater: Western Caroline Island Iwo Jima Okinawa Island Philippines American Theater

DECORATIONS Three Bronze Stars: Western Caroline Island Iwo Jima Island Okinawa Island **Philippine Liberation Medal** **PPC George Schaab congratulates**

Laudis. Nearly 200 years of stories between the two!



LFVD He is the oldest living member of the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department having served 75 years with the LVFD.

Photo credits: Josie Lohman, Laudis Turney



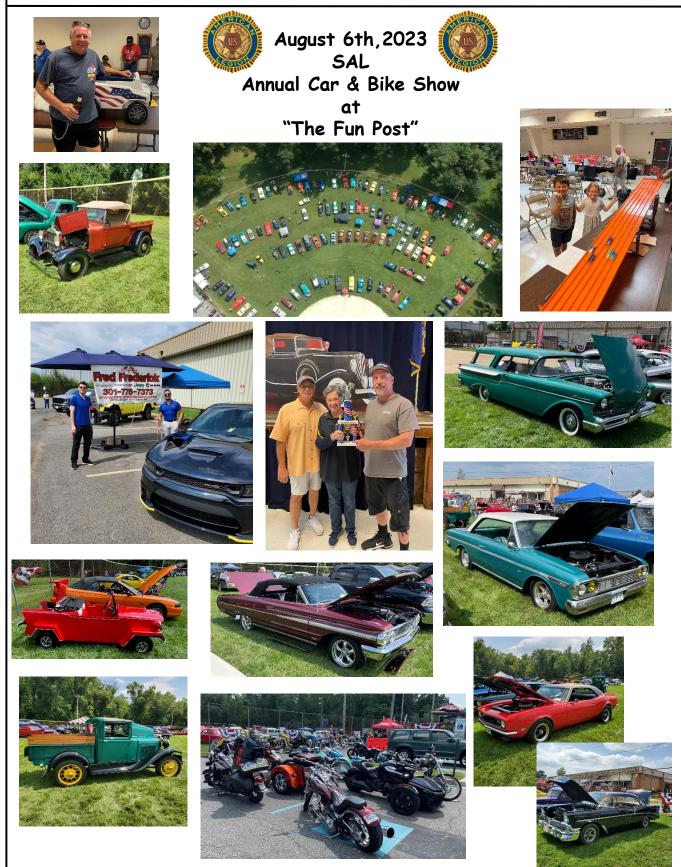
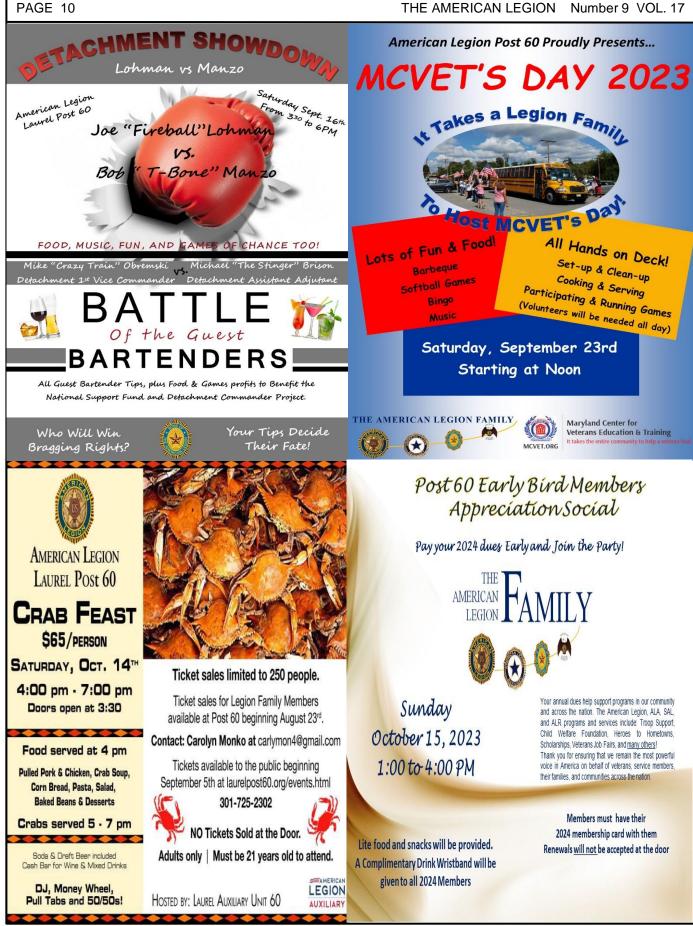


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SAL SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION

Saturday October 28th, 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



MOST OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO COMMANDER LOHMANS DETACHMENT PROGRAM

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 Buddy Mastin 443-370-7870 Any SAL Region Officer or Squadron 60

Detachment Commander's

Super Bowl Pool

PAYOUTS:

\$500 per quarters 1-4 NO OVERTIME \$50 per Full Touch, Top/Bottom, Right/Left

All proceeds to Benefit Southern Maryland Youth Camp. Let's help Commander Lohman reach his goal. Please contact Josie Lohman





ESCORTED TOUR - NORMANDY, PARIS, LOIRE VALLEY 11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS







2024 will mark 80 years since D-Day at Omaha Beach. This escorted tour is organized by a local ALA member for next September and is open to all adults. Limited slots available! Travel insurance and payment plans available. Free refreshments provided at information meetings!

Other tours: Greece 9d/7n – October 2024. If interested in either, email <u>allabroadjourneys@gmail.com</u> to be placed on info meeting list.



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Commander's Last Shout

Thanks to volunteers of all Units who made the SAL Car Show such a success. We had a bigger turn out this year and were happy to see events sponsored by the Legion Juniors.

Thanks to Rob and Carolyn Monko and to Pat Weik and her staff for providing such delicious food for us on Friday nights.

Thanks to the Auxiliary for taking over Game Night while the SAL took a much-needed break.

Thanks to Josie Lohman for selling the football pools so that we can all enjoy football even more.

Thanks to the SAL for the great Crab Feast on July 29th. The crabs and all of the prepared dishes were fantastic.

Thanks to all the members who provided food for the annual 4th of July picnic, and to Frank Slavinski and Chris Davis for cooking the delicious hot dogs and hamburgers.

Thanks to the Post 60 Color Guard who have been busy lately making our Legion events both at home and outside the Post so much more meaningful.

Thanks to Lesley Brinton for her frequent trips to LARS with our donations, and thanks to everyone who provided diapers when they were so badly needed.

Thanks to everyone who has paid their Early Bird dues. Please remember to pay your dues so that Post 60 can keep up with Department requirements.

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 Tuesday (Beginning in August)

SAL Squadron 60 7:00 pm First Thursday

American Legion Riders 7:00 pm Second Wednesday

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