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Laurel Post 60 Newsletter

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September 2024



Commander’s Message Josie Lohman



Labor Day is around the corner, I guess you know what that means, our summer is coming to an end... Schools are back in session; cooler days are ahead, and more and more people are finding their way out onto the deck. You might arrive and find the lounge empty, but head out to the deck that’s where the party is!

Your post officers are always striving to make post improvements. Some of these improvements will take months of research and planning, but I promise - it will be well worth it in the end. Being the post commander thus far has not been without its ups and downs. I am very used to doing and helping with activities around the post and sometimes it’s hard to hand things over and let someone else do the task. I must say that the people who have been elected and stepped up to assume some of these duties have taken on a great deal and have done a tremendous job taking over. Delegating is getting easier for me but with it comes added responsibilities that I am still learning. Thankfully, I have a wonderful mentor showing me the way. Past Commander Luby has been actively guiding and assisting me and for this I am extremely grateful. Working together as a family Post 60 will thrive and grow. Please consider volunteering or just pitch in when you see the need for assistance, we are always grateful for the help.

Respectfully,
Josie Lohman
AL Post 60 Commander



1st Vice Commander Lee Luby



It's the first week of September and summer is rapidly giving way to Fall. How did that happen? I guess there is nothing we can do, so let’s talk about one of my favorite Fall events, the Early Bird party. This will be held on October 13 from 1-4 PM. There will be free food and cash awards every 1/2 hour from 1-4 PM. A wrist band will be given to all 2025 members, and unpaid members will not be allowed to participate. This sure sounds like a good reason to pay your 2025 dues to me! Paying your dues assures that you will be able to participate in the Early Bird party. You will need to have your 2025 card ready to submit at check in. Dues renewal will not be accepted at the door of this event.

The Legion Post’s membership renewal is now at 46%, which leaves us just 4% from meeting the Department goal of 50% on September 11. All of you who have not paid your dues for 2025 please pay them so that we can reach the first goal on time. Executive Committee member David Privott will have a table set up at our Labor Day picnic so that you can pay. This year Post 60 plans to meet the 100% Department goal for membership again, so pay your 2025 dues and be a part of our winning team and get into the Early Bird party!

*Post 60 Early Bird Members
Appreciation Social*

Pay your 2025 dues Early and Join the Party!

THE AMERICAN LEGION **FAMILY**



*Cash prize every
1/2 hour
1-4pm*

*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



Auxiliary Unit 60
Nancy Slavinski
ALA President



Students are back in class and Fall arrives on Sunday, September 22nd. Labor Day is upon us on September 2. World Alzheimer's Month and National Suicide Prevention Month are at the top of our minds for this month.

Denise's Craft Corner: The first of four events on the list is September 16 (Pour and Paint Night), 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!

Game night on Wednesdays – ALA is happy to report a successful Summer with Game Night. Thanks to Tris, Peggy and Barb for your efforts and those that helped with tasks to ensure all had a great time. The Queen of Hearts takes over this month so get ready for more fun and games. 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. The Unit Crab Feast is on October 19th and tickets for the event will be available at Eventbrite and at the Post on August 24th. We have several tables reserved for Legion members for a limited time before opening them up to the public on September 28th. If you would like to volunteer for that day, please send an email to Carolyn Monko at carlymon4@gmail.com or use the sign-up sheet in the lobby. We will be setting up a committee meeting in September so be on the lookout in your email for that date if you are on the committee.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: We are off and running for the 2024-2025 year as memberships will be available September 1st.

1. <https://www.legion-aux.org/Renew> -or-
2. (317) 569-4570 The hours to call are Monday-Friday, 8AM-4:30PM EST

Questions? carlymon4@gmail.com

Track It Forward: 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 continues, 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. We will have more info to share after our August and September meetings when we vote on budget items.

ALA contact info:

President - Nancy Sgambato Slavinski,
alapresidentunit60@gmail.com;

2nd Vice - Denise Person, dp.0325@icloud.com;

Secretary – Lucy Haggerty,
secretaryunit60@gmail.com.

1st Vice – Carolyn Monko's email is under Membership above.




AMERICAN LEGION
 LAUREL Post 60

CRAB FEAST

\$75/PERSON

SATURDAY, OCT. 19TH

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

Ticket sales limited to 250 people.

Tickets available beginning
 August 24th at www.eventbrite.com/unit60
301-725-2302

Contact: Carolyn Monko
carlymon4@gmail.com

 **NO Tickets Sold at the Door.** 

Adults only | Must be 21 years old to attend.

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

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

HOSTED BY: LAUREL AUXILIARY UNIT 60



Blood Drive
David Tyson
Coordinator



ALR Riders
Lenny Francioni
Director



Jeff Harkcom was one of the 40+ volunteers who showed up to give the gift of life!



Laurel Mayor and Post 60 member Keith Syndor joins in on the action!



Photo credit: Josie Lohman

Happy September to all!

Wow! Where'd the summer go? It feels like it was just spring, and we were talking about getting geared up for the riding season. Now, I know what you all are thinking; we still have several good months of riding around this state, with the fall colors changing and the leaves falling, but it's pumpkin spice season already!

So be careful out there of course with the "cages", but also remember that wet leaves and standing water are dangerous!

This month we host the State ALR meeting on the 28th, in Allen Hall. We hope to have a good turnout to help in setting up and attending the event. To all of you who are under the weather I hope you are on the mend to a healthier, better you!

Lenny



Ain't she pretty!

Photo courtesy of American Legion Riders from Maryland
[American Legion Riders from Maryland | Facebook](#)



Post 60 Entertainment

Tim Thomas

2nd Vice Commander



We're aiming to get all of our members into the club this month with a few events going on that you can enjoy. I sure hope you are reading this before September 2nd because the month starts off with one of our most popular events – our Labor Day Picnic! Post 60's finest grilling chefs will be cooking up lots of hamburgers and hot dogs and all our members are invited to join us from 1pm - 3pm. All we ask is that you please bring a covered dish, dessert or make a small monetary donation. To ensure that we have enough food for everyone, a signup sheet will be located at the events kiosk in the lounge.

Our SAL is gearing up for the return of the ever-elusive Queen. You are invited to start searching for The Queen of Hearts on Wednesday, September 4th. The fun begins at 5pm with a chance to draw The Queen at 7:15pm. Thank you to our Auxiliary for keeping us busy with games throughout the summer on their Wednesday Game Night. A special shout out to Barbara, Peggy and Tris for entertaining us and running it with Post Commander Lohman and Auxiliary President Slavinski helping out when needed.

All hands-on deck! MCVET Day is on September 21st, and we'll need a lot of help to pull it off. Please contact Commander Lohman if you can help us out, just an hour or two of your time would make a tremendous difference. It's not all work though - POST 60 vs. MCVET's in a scrimmage softball game is scheduled at 1pm. See Diane behind the bar to be part of Team Post 60. We are also looking for volunteer umpires, preferably with 20/20 vision, but that's not mandatory! Come hang out on the deck with a cold beverage, enjoy the game and heckle your fellow members. (I am sure you will hear the joints squeaking as well..lol)

Once again, thank you to Post 60 Color Guard for accepting another last-minute invitation. They had the honor of presenting The Colors before the Championship Game of The American Legion Mid Atlantic Baseball Tournament. Congratulations to the team from Delaware Post 1 for winning and moving on to the American Legion World Series Tournament.

Please take a moment of your day for remembrance on September 11th of all the lives that were sadly taken 24 years ago. **NEVER FORGET!**



Post 60 Color Guard presents the colors at the Regionals



Eddie Souder presents trophies to our Big Sponsors of the 10th Annual Car and Bike Show, Fred Frederick Chrysler/Jeep, and Old Glory Harley Davidson.





September 2024

Happy Hour
Monday - Friday
4 to 7 PM

The American Legion Laurel Post 60

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day Picnic 1-3 pm w/DJ Butch 1-6 pm POST OPENS @ 12:00 PM	3	4 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	5 SAL Meeting 7 PM	6 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 C&Y)	7 Sharon Dukes & All Star 7:30 pm
8 NFL Sunday 1-7pm 	9 ALA Meeting 7 PM	10	11 9-11-2001 NEVER FORGET! Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Meeting 7 PM	12 Executive Committee 7 PM	13 Acoustic Cafe 7-10 pm SUPER Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 SAL)	14 Rebound 7:30 pm
15 NFL Sunday 1-7pm 	16 PAINT Pouring on Canvas! 6:30-9:30 pm (Paid event)	17	18 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	19 General Assembly 7 PM	20 Rockabilly Rebels 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALR)	21 MCVET DAY! 12:00 pm Greater Image 7:30 pm
22 NFL Sunday 1-7pm 	23	24	25 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	26	27 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:30 pm (50/50 ALA)	28 Out of Order 7:30 pm
29 NFL Sunday 1-7pm 	30	<p>Every Wednesday is Winey Wednesday 4 pm - Closing</p> <p>Post Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM</p>				



Winey Wednesday
Every WEDNESDAY
4 pm - Closing

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Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4 to 7 PM		1	2 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	3 SAL Meeting 7 pm	4 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 C&Y)	5 Impulse 7:30 pm
6	7 Color Guard Mtg. 6:30-8:00 pm	8	9 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm ALR Meeting 7 pm	10 Exec. Committee Meeting	11 Island Breeze 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 SAL)	12 Gary & The Groove 7:30 pm
13 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 FEAST 4:00-7:00 pm DJ Butch Different Sisters 7:30 pm
20	21	22	23 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	24	25 DJ Butch 7-10 pm Bingo 7:45 pm (50/50 ALA)	26 3 'til Midnight 7:30 pm
27 KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY 1:00-3:00PM	28	29	30 Queen of Hearts Games Begin at 5pm Queen Drawing at 7:15pm	31	Post 60 Kitchen is Open Every Friday 5:30 to 8 PM	



American Legion Laurel Post 60

ANNUAL LABOR DAY PICNIC

**Monday, September 2nd
1 to 3 PM**

**Open to All Post Home
Members and Their Family**

Sign-up by August 28th 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!

**DJ Butch Too!
1 to 6 PM**



CITY OF LAUREL LAUNCHES 9/11 MEMORIAL PUSH-UP CHALLENGE TO HONOR AND UNITE THE COMMUNITY

Join the City of Laurel, Mission BBQ, and Army Veteran SGT Pushup on September 11, 2024, as we honor the memory of 9/11 with a community push-up challenge. From 9:11 AM to 9:11 PM, we're aiming for a collective total of 91,111 push-ups, symbolizing our resilience and unity. Every push-up counts—report yours to Laurelmayor@laurel.md.us and share your participation using the hashtag [#LaureIMDRemembers911](https://twitter.com/LaureIMDRemembers911).

You're invited to visit **Mission BBQ at Laurel Towne Center** between 12 PM and 4 PM to take part in the challenge in person. Let's come together in strength and remembrance!



\$UPER BINGO

Friday, Sept. 13th

DOORS OPEN 5 PM

EARLY BIRD BALL GAMES START AT 7PM

**18 - \$500 PAYOUT GAMES AND
TWO \$1000 PAYOUT GAMES!**

**\$100 Admission for 15 cards
Seating is Limited**

**20 games, ball games, plus
early bird ball games too!**

Like us on Facebook - American Legion Post 60 Friday Night Bingo

AUXILIARY UNIT 60 PRESENTS DENISE'S CRAFT CORNER "PAINT POURING ON CANVAS"



Monday September 16th 2024 - 6:30pm - 9:30pm

- \$40.00 per person
- Includes all materials and instruction
- 1 complimentary wine or beer and dessert

Contact Denise Person - 443-486-2299





MCVET
"Veterans Helping Veterans"

COAT DRIVE

HELPING HOMELESS AND OTHER VETERANS IN NEED STAY WARM THIS WINTER

ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF NEW & GENTLY USED COATS, HATS, SCARVES AND GLOVES MEN AND WOMEN

DROP OFF LOCATION:
American Legion Post 60
2 Main Street
Laurel, MD 20707

Drop Off Any Time During Post Hours of Operations

Monday through Thursday: 3 to 10PM
Friday and Saturday: 12 to 11PM
Sunday: 12 to 9PM

For More Information Please Call 301-725-2302

Accepting Donations THRU September 21st

American Legion Post 60 Proudly Presents...

MCVET'S DAY 2024

It Takes a Legion Family To Host MCVET's Day!



Lots of Fun & Food!
Softball Games
Bingo
Music

All Hands on Deck!
Set-up & Clean-up
Cooking & Serving
Participating & Running Games
(Volunteers will be needed all day)

Saturday, September 21st
Starting at Noon

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



Maryland Center for Veterans Education & Training
It takes the entire community to help a veteran heal

MCVET.ORG

Sunday Oct. 27

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

To receive monthly newsletters, events planned for the next week and important information for Laurel Post 60, please email the address below to be included.

STAY INFORMED



Please scan above QR Code for email address
laurelpost60newsandevents@gmail.com

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

Like us on Facebook - American Legion Post 60 Friday Night Bingo

FRIDAY FOOD FESTIVAL
 EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT FROM 5:30 - 8 PM AT POST 60

1ST & 3RD (& 5TH) FRIDAY
CANTEEN 60
 Where Something Good
 Is Always Cooking
 By Squadron 60

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY
P & G CATERING
 Classic Favorites with
 a Modern Twist
 By Patricia King

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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 allabroadjourneys@gmail.com to be placed on info meeting list.



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.**

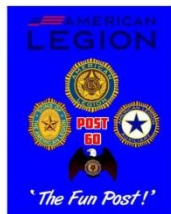
- Please join us on our Facebook page, [American Legion -Laurel Post 60](https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/364213691671/) for Post 60 website links, newsletters, entertainment and activities that are posted on the page.

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



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.

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Post 60 Officers

Commander	Josie Lohman
1st Vice	Lee Luby
2ndVice	Tim Thomas
Judge Advocate	Richard Harding
Finance Officer	Pedro Lopez
Chaplain	Martin Berman
Service Officer	Leroy Bell
Historian	John Musgrove
Sgt-at-Arms	Melvin Campbell
Adjutant	Mac McNally

SAL Squadron 60

Commander	Rob Monko
1st Vice	Eddie Souder
2ndVice	Tom Allen
3 rd Vice	Vacant
Finance	Martin Caslow
Chaplain	Tony Scovitch
Sgt-at-Arms	Charlie Turner
Historian	Vacant
Adjutant	Joe Lohman
Parliamentarian	Vacant
Advisor	Chris Davis

Auxiliary Unit 60

President	Nancy Slavinski
1st Vice	Carolyn Monko
2nd Vice	Denise Person
Secretary	Lucy Haggerty
Treasurer	Tris Thomas
Chaplain	Barbara Rhodes
Historian	Vacant
Sgt-at-Arms	Chaitra Chambers

Legion Riders

Director	Lenny Francioni
Asst Director	Pedro Lopez
Secretary	Christel Lopez-Berryman
Treasurer	Barclay Butler
Sgt-at-Arms	Chris DiPasquale
Chaplain	Charley Buckley
Safety Officer	Pedro Lopez
Road Captain	Lenny Francioni
Membership	Pedro Lopez
Public Affairs	Quinn Harry

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The Community
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Commander's Last Shout

Thank you to Brenda Kearns for assisting with our newsletter articles.

Thank you, Ray Torres for the wonderful dinners. Can't wait for the next one.

Thank you, Janet, for supplying us with our daily dose of potassium .

Thank you to Bernie Schmidt and Sandy Griffith for helping train our new bartender, Christine!

A great big thank you to unit members, Peggy and Kristy Purcell, Barbara Rhodes and Denise Person for overseeing the dinner banquet for the eight Mid Atlantic American Legion baseball teams held in Allen Hall.



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**

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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