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# ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS

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**April 2022**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since 1776, there have been 25,720 police officers killed in the line of duty. So far in 2022, there have been 101 police officers shot in the line of duty, an increase of 43%. On May 15, we honor all the fallen officers on the federally designated holiday, Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week for which it falls as National Police Week. In Rockland, we will pay tribute to our local heroes on May 22 on the front lawn of the Court House in New City. I ask you to make a small sacrifice of time to honor these American heroes.

Be Alert and Wear Your Vest!

Fraternally,

Christian Cortelli



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

<i>04/27/2022</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>General Membership Meeting Haverstraw Elks</i>
<i>05/03/2022</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Executive Board Meeting River Court, New City</i>
<i>05/22/2022</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>	<i>Rockland County Police Memorial Rockland County Courthouse, New City</i>
<i>05/25/2022</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>General Membership Meeting/ Scholarship Awards Haverstraw Elks</i>
<i>06/07/2022</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Executive Board Meeting River Court, New City</i>
<i>06/16/2022</i>	<i>5:00 PM</i>	<i>300 Club Haverstraw Elks</i>
<i>06/29/2022</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>General Membership Meeting Haverstraw Elks-Outside Deck</i>
		<i>No General Membership Meeting in July</i>
<i>08/02/2022</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Executive Board Meeting TBD</i>
<i>08/18/2022</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Rockland Shields Outing to Boulders Stadium Stay tuned for more information</i>
		<i>No General Membership Meeting in August</i>



## **Membership**

*The next General Membership Meeting will take place Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge, 877 Elks Drive, Haverstraw NY at 7:00 PM.*

### *Proposed for Membership*

<b><i>Proposed</i></b>	<b><i>Agency</i></b>	<b><i>Proposed by</i></b>
Chris Addeo	SGT, NYPD, 1 Pct Active	Sponsored by Christian Cortelli
Michael Barry	PO, Suffern PD, Active	Sponsored by Andre Barry
Erich Obojkovits	PO, NYPD, 30 Pct., Active,	Sponsored by Joseph Cama
Philippe Duval	PO, Clarkstown PD, Active,	Sponsored by Christian Cortelli
Daniel Alfong	PO, Haverstraw PD, Active (former NYPD)	Sponsored by Manny Figueroa

***\*\*\*Welcome to any new members. Please see any board member upon arrival at your first meeting to be sworn in.\*\*\****

## **Retirements**

Detective John Reed, RCSD, retired on March 31st, 2022 after 35 years of service

Chief William Barbera, RCSD, retired on April 1st, 2022 after 38 years of service.

Lieutenant Austin Morange, NYPD SVS after 27 years of service.

## **Condolences**

***Our thoughts and prayers are with the following as they mourn their losses.***

Shields member Thomas Dowd, Retired Lieutenant NYPD, passed away on February 28, 2022.



## Miscellaneous

HR-218 Sessions for 2022 given by the RCPA. Please see [www.rockhr218.com](http://www.rockhr218.com) for all available sessions.

\*Be advised shooters will be required to have approved hearing protection. \*

The Nam Knights of the Hudson Valley will be holding their annual PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER from 4-8 PM on April 30, 2022 at the Hillcrest Firehouse in Pomona, NY. This event benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Make-A-Wish Foundation helps fulfill wishes of children with a critical illness.

The County of Rockland Personnel Department is now accepting applications from candidates interested in a rewarding career in law enforcement in Rockland County. A written competitive examination for the Civil Service position of Correction Officer is scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022.

Preferred Method is to Apply On-Line: <https://mycivilservice.rocklandgov.com/exams>; or you can apply by Mail: Rockland County Department of Personnel, 50 Sanatorium Road, Building A, 7th Floor, Pomona, NY 10970: Printable Application can be found at <http://rocklandgov.com/departments/personnel/job-opportunities/>

## Good & Welfare

Congratulations to Shields Member Dominick Muggeo and his wife Marie. They were recently honored by Cardinal Dolan for being married for 65 years or more. They are married for 71 years and received a Certificate from Cardinal Dolan.

Congratulations to Past President John Pinto and his wife Paulette on the birth of their grandson Giovanni Bonvino. Congratulations to the proud parents, Deanna and Chris Bonvino.

## Scholarship News

*The application for the 2022 Rockland County Shields Tim Finn Scholarship is in this newsletter. Please adhere to all requirements and deadline when submitting your student's application. Best of luck to all applicants.*

*O'Grady-Brown-Paige Scholarship. Applications are being accepted for graduating high school seniors who wish to pursue a career in law enforcement. The committee is looking for achievers who have demonstrated a desire to help their communities and have demonstrated the same through community service. The application deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available at all Rockland County high school guidance counselor offices. This is a separate scholarship from the Shield's Scholarship.*

***Thank you** to the following for their donations to the scholarship fund: Desmond Bailey, John Ninivaggi Mark Yanitelli, Anne Marie Kilduff, widow of Gerald Kilduff, Donna Dichiaro, widow of Bob DiChiaro, Bernadette Cavanaugh, widow of Joseph Cavanaugh, Margaret O'Neil, widow of Donald O'Neil, and Daniel J.McCann.*

**2022 ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS TIM FINN SCHOLARSHIP**

ELIGIBILITY: The student who is a **SON** or **DAUGHTER** of a member, must be accepted into college as a freshman for the Fall 2022 semester. **SAT SCORES** (HIGHEST SCORE CAN BE FROM **DIFFERENT SAT EXAMS,**) or **ACT SCORES** (SAT AND ACT SCORES WILL BE COMPARED USING THE COLLEGE BOARD CONVERSION TOOLS FOUND AT COLLEGE BOARD.ORG). **THE COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LETTER MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION.** The member must be in good standing for a minimum of the last three (3) years, including the year 2022.

MEMBER'S NAME\_\_\_\_\_MEMBERSHIP#\_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S NAME\_\_\_\_\_SEX\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_PHONE#\_\_\_\_\_

SAT SCORES MATH\_\_\_\_\_ VERBAL \_\_\_\_\_ OVERALL TOTAL\_\_\_\_\_

**(COPY OF SAT/ACT RESULTS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION.)**

COLLEGE\_\_\_\_\_ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS INC. AS STATED ABOVE AND **I AM AWARE OF THE APPLICATION DEADLINE OF NOON, MAY 1, 2022.**

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MEMBER'S SIGNATURE

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON ON MAY 1, 2022**

\*\*\*\*\*A PRINTED APPLICATION CAN ALSO BE SUBMITTED AT MARCH OR APRIL MEETING\*\*\*\*\*

**THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED**

\$1,000.00 SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIVE (5) HIGHEST ACHIEVERS IN HONOR OF MICHAEL BUCZEK, J.J. DOYLE, BILLY BOYD, TONY SIMETI AND P.J. FERGUSON.

IN HONOR OF SHIELDS FOUNDER TIM FINN, FOUR (4) \$750.00 TIM FINN SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED BY THE SHIELDS TO EACH OF THE NEXT FOUR HIGHEST ACHIEVERS.

AN ADDITIONAL \$750.00 SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED IN HONOR OF PAST PRESIDENT BOB DICHIARO TO THE NEXT HIGHEST ACHIEVER.

I HAVE ATTACHED THE FOLLOWING: (Late or incomplete applications will not be considered)

Application

Acceptance letter

SAT/ACT test scores



## Noteworthy

ATTENTION! Like 9-11, most people know someone who passed away from COVID, but just to bring it to the attention of family members: If you have not been alerted by your Funeral Director, FEMA has set up a plan to reimburse family members for funeral expenses up to nine thousand dollars. In the early days of COVID-19 some doctors were not listing the cause of death as COVID, requiring more paperwork to be submitted to correct the cause of death. Death certificates must be submitted to apply for this plan. One good thing is there is no time limit to submit. To apply contact the funeral director.

Shields 300 Club tickets are available. If you purchased one last year, you will be receiving a call to see if you wish to purchase your ticket again this year. The party will take place on June 16, 2022 from 5PM to 8PM at the Haverstraw Elks Club. A 300 Club raffle ticket admits one person, guests are \$50.00. Good luck!

**Save the Date!** August 18, 2022 join the Shields at a Rockland Boulders game! This is a great evening of baseball and good company in an air-conditioned luxury suite with indoor and outdoor seating. This is always a sellout event. Food and beverages will be included in the ticket price. The price is still being finalized with the ballpark, but we are trying to keep it close to last year's price. More info to come!

The Rockland County Police Memorial Ceremony will take place on May 22, 2022 at 11:00 am in front of the Rockland County Courthouse in New City.

If you have anything newsworthy that you would like published in the newsletter, please e-mail to: [rcshieldsnews@gmail.com](mailto:rcshieldsnews@gmail.com)

