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April 2023 **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I am sure everyone has read about the terrible tragedies in Memphis and Knoxville. In both cases, lone cowardly gunmen murdered multiple people, including helpless children. It was only because of the rapid response of heroic uniformed patrol cops that the killing stopped. Yet, it was these same uniformed cops that the media vilified in 2020. When will these heroes be invited to the White House or interviewed on The View? Let's keep up the pressure and remind America: THE POLICE ARE THE GOOD GUYS! Always were and will continue to be.

Remember, scholarships are due by May 1. Also, Tony Stone's Shadow Firearms and Tactics Academy will sponsor April's Meeting and give a presentation on available programs and courses.

Fraternally,

Christian Cortelli
President



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

04/26/23	7:00 PM	<i>General Membership Meeting Haverstraw Elks, Haverstraw Sponsored by Shadow Firearms and Tactics Academy</i>
05/02/23	7:00 PM	<i>Executive Board Meeting River Court, New City</i>
05/21/23	11:00 AM	<i>Rockland Police Memorial Ceremony New City Courthouse, Main St. New City</i>
05/31/23	7:00 PM	<i>General Membership Meeting Scholarship Awards Shields Medal Day Awards Haverstraw Elks, Haverstraw</i>
06/06/23	7:00 PM	<i>Executive Board Meeting River Court, New City</i>
06/11/23	5:00-8:00 PM	<i>Shields 300 Club Drawing Haverstraw Elks Lodge</i>
06/28/23	6:00 PM	<i>General Membership Meeting Haverstraw Elks on the deck, weather permitting. “Bring your significant other.” Super 50/50 drawing</i>
***** No July or August Meetings *****		
08/10/23	TBD	<i>Shields Annual Boulders Game!</i>
09/05/23	7:00PM	<i>Executive Board Meeting River Court, New City</i>
09/27/23	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	<i>Narcan Training (prior to meeting, pre-registration required) General Membership Meeting Haverstraw Elks</i>



Membership

The April General Membership Meeting will take place on Wednesday April 26, 2023, at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge, 877 Elks Drive, Haverstraw, N.Y. at 7:00 PM. This month's meeting is sponsored by Shadow Firearms and Tactics Academy, Kevin Clark, and Tony Stone.

Proposed for Membership

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>
Tim Furlong	Stony Point PD	Joe Cain
Elisabeth Gessel	Clarkstown PD	Chris Cortelli
Troy Brown	NYPD	Robert Lebzelter

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

For Shields Medal Day award applications, please go to the website: [RocklandCountyShields.org](https://www.RocklandCountyShields.org).

2023 Tim Finn Scholarship program applications will be accepted by mail or online and can be found at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpOLSc3OSGLFB9lZcRZSL7AMwYM5XVJpb9001hPNyfaIO77EYGkWO/viewform?usp=sf_link link

Please adhere to all requirements and the May 1, 2023, deadline to qualify for consideration. A copy of the application is included in this newsletter and can be mailed to Rockland County Shields Scholarship PO Box 15, New City, New York 10956. Applications sent via the USPS must be postmarked and received before noon on May 1, 2023. Best of luck to all applicants!

If you have anything newsworthy that you would like published in the newsletter, please send an e-mail to: rcshieldsnews@gmail.com or via US Mail to PO Box 15, New City, New York 10956.



Retirements/Promotions

Best of luck to the following members on their recent retirements/promotions:

Congratulations to member Gil Pierre Louis (NYPD Intel Bureau) on his retirement.

Congratulations to member Brian Gill on his promotion to Chief, Manhattan No. Detectives.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with the following members and their families as they mourn their losses:

Condolences to member Paul Ciorra and family on the passing of his father, Fred Ciorra on March 12, 2023.

Condolences to member Robert M. Daly on the passing of his father Robert E. Daly (NYPD Ret.) on March 8, 2023.

Miscellaneous

The Shields will be partnering with the Rockland County Department of Health to conduct a Narcan Training for interested members. The training will take place at 5:30 PM September 27, 2023, prior to the September general membership meeting. Advance registration is required. If you would like to attend, please email your name, address, and contact information (email address and phone) to RCSHIELDSNEWS@GMAIL.COM.

The Happy Jack Fund will be holding its 2nd Annual Golf Outing on June 26, 2023. Cocktail and dinner tickets without golf are also available. The Happy Jack Fund provides scholarships to students who have lost a sibling. For more information contact member Steve Doyle at 845 222 6282 or info@happyjackfund.org.

The Police Officer Stephen A. Darby Memorial Fundraiser will be held on Friday May 12, 2023 At the Pearl River Saloon. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Suggested donation of \$20.00 includes entry into door prize raffle. There will be live music, raffles, and drink specials. The benefit supports glioblastoma research at Memorial Sloan Kettering.

NYPD/FDNY Heroes Baseball Classic 2023 will take place Saturday September 9, 2023, at Boulders Stadium.



Upcoming Events

Save the Date! It's another night with the Rockland Boulders! Mark your calendar for Thursday August 10, 2023. 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. The cost is \$45.00 per person (Under 4 years old is free) and includes an air-conditioned luxury suite with indoor and outdoor seating, dinner, beer, wine, and soft drinks. Checks can be mailed to RC Shields, PO Box 15, New City, New York 10956 or given to any board member at a meeting. Thanks to Mark Dari of "Homes for Heroes" for his support of this event.



Upcoming Exams

The NYPD Police Officer Exam will be open for registration from April 5, 2023 - May 31, 2023. Expected test date will be July 13, 2023. Notice of Examination for Exam #3332 can be found here: <https://a856-exams.nyc.gov/OASysWeb/noe/20233332000.pdf>

The Rockland County Correction Office Exam application filing deadline is May 15, 2023, with an exam date of June 1, 2023. Additional information and link to apply can be found at: <https://rocklandgov.com/departments/personnel/correction-officer-exam/>

The NYS Trooper Exam is planned for summer and fall of 2023. To receive notification when applications are available, visit <https://publicapps.troopers.ny.gov/Exam-Internet/recruitment.jsf>

2023 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 2023 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 Collegboard.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 2023.

Member/**Parent** Name_____ Membership #_____

Students Name_____

Address _____ Phone#_____

SAT SCORES Math_____ Verbal _____ Combined 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, 2023.**

E Mail_____

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON ON MAY 1, 2023

A PRINTED APPLICATION CAN BE MAILED TO PO BOX 15, New City, NY 10956 or CAN ALSO BE SUBMITTED AT MARCH OR APRIL MEETING.

THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED:

\$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded by the Shields to the five (5) highest achievers in honor of **Michael Buczek, J.J. Doyle, Billy Boyd, Tony Simeti, P.J. Ferguson, and Jack Coleman**

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 memory 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