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September 2023 **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome back from the summer break. We have a lot of exciting events planned for the second half of 2023.

At our September meeting, the Stolzenberg-Cortelli Law Firm will discuss the importance of choosing the right attorneys and civil liability. The sponsoring speakers will give out limited quantities of T-shirts with every raffle ticket purchase. Please arrive on time to ensure you get one. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor a meeting, please speak to a board member.

Please note that a training seminar will be held just before the meeting at 5:30 PM for administering Naloxone, also known as NARCAN. This life-saving drug immediately reverses opioid overdoses. It is relatively easy to administer, and the only real training will be recognizing an opioid overdose. If interested, email the Board to reserve a seat. There is plenty of room, and you can save a life!

There will also be a motion to change our current by-laws. To field a larger pool of qualified candidates, we hope to alter the by-laws by removing the provision of only allowing a president to be elected once. We also want to update the voting process for contested elections from a mail-in ballot to a secret ballot at the November meetings. The current version is onerous and could cost thousands of dollars in postage and printing.

In October, we will be hosting Candidate's Night. It was standing room only last year, so get here early. Like last year, we will be raffling off a 55-inch TV. We will print a list of Shield's members running for office, so please let us know.

Fraternally,

Christian J. Cortelli
President



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

09/27/23	5:30 PM	<i>Narcan Training (<u>prior to meeting, pre-registration required</u>)</i> <i>Please send an email to <u>RCShieldsnews@gmail.com</u> to reserve your spot.</i>
	7:00 PM	<i>General Membership Meeting/Candidates Night</i> <i>Haverstraw Elks</i> <i>September meeting sponsored by</i> <i>Stolzenberg-Cortelli Law Firm</i>
10/03/23	7:00 PM	<i>Executive Board Meeting</i> <i>River Court, New City</i>
10/25/23	7:00 PM	<i>General Membership Meeting</i> <i>“Candidates Night” Come and hear from</i> <i>local candidates prior to casting your votes.</i> <i>Haverstraw Elks</i>
11/07/23	7:00 PM	<i>Executive Board Meeting</i> <i>River Court, New City</i>
11/22/23	7:00 PM	<i>General Membership Meeting</i> <i>Haverstraw Elks</i> <i>Super 50-50 Drawing!</i>
12/10/23	12:00 noon	<i>Kids Christmas Party</i> <i>Haverstraw Elks</i> <i>Bring the kids and grandkids to see a special guest.</i> <i>Additional information to follow.</i>

No December General Membership Meeting



Membership

The September General Membership Meeting will take place on Wednesday September 27, 2023, at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge, 877 Elks Drive, Haverstraw, N.Y. at 7:00 PM. Check in for those wishing to attend the Narcan training will begin at 5:30 PM. Please pre-register for the Narcan training by sending an email to RCShieldsnews@gmail.com

Proposed for Membership

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>
Kevin Kivlehan Jr.	NYPD	Kevin Kivlehan
Mark Woods Jr.	NYPD	Ismael Quintana

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

Proposed by Law Amendments

Article IV, Section 8 Election of Officers. There is a board approved motion to change the current “A person may be elected to the office of President once in their lifetime.” The proposed amendment aims to remove any restrictions on the number of times a member may serve in any capacity on the board.

Article 4, Section 7 Election of Officers “For uncontested positions, the Secretary shall cast one vote, otherwise a board of Tellers shall be selected at the October meeting. The proposed change is “For contested positions, a secret ballot will be taken at the November meeting.”

Interested in the history of the Rockland County Shields? For a brief history, a list of the founding board members and a list of Past Presidents, visit the “History of the Shields” page on our website at <https://rocklandcountyshields.org/history-of-the-shields/>.

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



Promotions/Retirements

Member Clement Krug retired in July 2023 from the NYPD after 40 years of service. Best wishes In your retirement.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Rockland Shields Hockey Team for their championship win in the International Police Hockey Tournament, held in Toronto, Canada.

Shields member Brandon Amlung (SGT - WCPD) and his team earned the unit citation at the WCPD medal day this year. A Unit Citation was awarded to the Conditions & Surface Transportation Unit for an extraordinary body of work in 2022, including their role in: assisting in ghost gun investigations; supporting federal agencies in asset forfeiture investigations; and locating wanted suspects and stolen vehicles traveling through Westchester County. Congrats to him and his team. Brandon's father is also a Shields member, Glenn Amlung - Retired NYPD.

Congratulations to 2nd Sgt at Arms Dennis Dodrill and his wife MaryEllen on the birth of their granddaughter Elly Quinn Meany, born on August 2, 2023, weighing 7 lbs. 14oz. Congratulations to Mom and Dad, Danielle and RJ Meany and big brother Cole.

Well Wishes

Get well wishes to Glenn Amlung who is recovering from surgery.

Get well wishes to Chip Hayes who is recovering from surgery.

Condolences

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

Member Phillip N. Loncar, retired NYCTPD, passed away on June 26, 2023.

Member James K. McGlade, Retired Lt. MTA Bridge and Tunnel Police, passed away on July 19, 2023.



Miscellaneous

The Shields will be partnering with the Rockland County Department of Health to conduct 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 (name, email address and phone number) to RCSHIELDSNEWS@GMAIL.COM

Thank you to John Pinto for once again coordinating the Rockland Boulders outing, held in August. Each year John arranges for a fun night of baseball, food and beverages for Shields families and friends.

Thank you to Mark Dari of "Homes for Heroes" for his generous support of our Boulders outing. Thank you to Rich Hesse of Mercedes-Benz of Nanuet for his generous sponsorship of the parking fees at the stadium.

The Rockland County Hispanic Law Enforcement Organization will be holding their 3rd Annual Scholarship Gala. They will be posthumously honoring Hector L. Soto with a Lifetime Achievement Award. The event will be held at Town and Country Caterers on October 21, 2023. For more information or for tickets contact Jorge Folch at (845) 659-7338 or rchleo2020@gmail.com

Rockland County Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums need new drummers. No experience necessary. If you wish to learn to play bagpipes or drums, lessons begin October 6, 2023, at the Irish Cultural Center in Blauvelt. For more information contact Tom Gaynor at gaynor370@icloud.com or 914-924-0524.

Happy Jack 5K will take place on October 14, 2023, at Germonds Park in West Nyack. The Happy Jack Foundation provides scholarships, in memory of John "Happy Jack" Doyle, to students who have lost a sibling. You are bound to see a few fellow Shields members lacing up their sneakers that day. For more info to participate or donate visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/WestNyack/HJ5K>

Mahwah Fire Company #2 is hosting a "Cigar Night" on Friday, October 12, 2023, at the RP Prime Steakhouse. Ticket price is 150.00 per person, includes open bar, hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, cigar gift bag and raffle. For tickets contact Tom at 845-721-3627.



The Tour De Force has cycled through Rockland. Despite 2 days of rain, riders traveled through the county on September 8, 9, 10 and 11th. Three hundred Police Officers from around the country, including our own Rockland County Shields Cycling Team have ridden to raise funds for the families of those killed in the line of duty. The Rockland County Shields Team raised an impressive \$63,768.59. Thank you to committee members Dennis Dodrill and Joe Agosto. If you wish to donate, please visit <https://grouprev.com/2023TDF-dennis-dodrill>

