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November 2023 **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

First and foremost, Happy Veteran's Day. Additionally, Happy Birthday Marines. On November 10, the United States Marine Corps celebrates its 248th birthday, Ooh-rah. Congratulations to all of the Shields members who won elected office, and thank you also to the Shields members who were defeated, but sacrificed their time and treasure trying to make this State a little more livable. I believe our Candidate's Night was a resounding success. Every year, it gets bigger and more heavily attended. Thanks to Past President Mark Murphy for running the event.

We have big things happening in 2024. First, we have come to an agreement with the Stolzenburg and Cortelli Law Firm to provide legal services to our membership. Starting in 2024, members will be afforded free legal representation at arraignment if a member should find themselves arrested. Additionally, every member will be offered one free legal consultation (30 minutes) for any reason. The law firm's name and number will be on the back of every Shields card. They will also be available at meetings to answer questions. It's 2023: cops need all the legal assistance they can get.

November will be the last General Meeting of the year. We have the Kids Christmas Party on December 10 at noon at the Haverstraw Elks. See Santa and get some chow. Starting in Spring, Orangetown Trustee Dan Ryan will be running a SHIELDS ONLY HR 218 class at the county range at a discounted rate, more to follow.

Fraternally,

Christian J. Cortelli
President



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023-2024

11/22/23 7:00 PM *General Membership Meeting*
Haverstraw Elks
Super 50-50 Drawing!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

12/10/23 12:00 noon *Kids Christmas Party*
Haverstraw Elks
Bring the kids and grandkids to see a special
guest. Please bring a clearly labeled wrapped gift
for each child you bring to see Santa.

No December General Membership Meeting
Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year!

01/02/24 7:00 PM *Executive Board Meeting*
River Court, New City

01/24/24 7:00 PM *General Membership Meeting*
Installation of Officers
Haverstraw Elks, Haverstraw

02/06/24 7:00 PM *Executive Board Meeting*

02/28/24 7:00 PM *General Membership Meeting*
Haverstraw Elks, Haverstraw

03/05/24 7:00 PM *Executive Board Meeting*

03/27/24 7:00 PM *General Membership Meeting*



Membership

The November General Membership Meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge, 877 Elks Drive, Haverstraw, N.Y. at 7:00 PM. Come get out of the kitchen on Thanksgiving Eve! The Super 50-50 drawing will take place.

<i>Proposed for Membership</i>		
<i><u>Proposed by</u></i>	<i><u>Agency</u></i>	<i><u>Proposed by</u></i>
<i>Brian Shanahan</i>	<i>DEA, Supv Spec Agent, Ret.</i>	<i>Jim Sciacca</i>
<i>Stephen Osborne</i>	<i>Lt., NYPD, Manhattan Gang Sqd, Ret.</i>	<i>Tim Connolly, Jr.</i>

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

Proposed By- Law Amendments

The proposed by-law amendments have been voted on at General Membership meetings and have been approved. The amendment to Article IV, Section 8 pertains to the Election of Officers. The approved amendment removes any restriction on the number of times a member may serve in any capacity on the board.

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/>.



2024-2025 Slate of Officers and Trustees

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Events

The Shields Annual “Kids Christmas Party” will take place on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 12:00 noon at The Haverstraw Elks Lodge. There will be kid-friendly foods and beverages with a visit from Santa himself! This event is always a huge hit with the kids and grandkids. If you are attending, please bring a wrapped gift with your child’s name on it (easy to read, please!) for Santa to give to them. We look forward to seeing all the happy faces, both young and old, when Santa arrives.





Thank you!

The Shields Executive Board presented a plaque to Breda, Catherine, and the staff at River Court in New City for their hospitality. They graciously welcome the board each month for the Executive Board meetings.

Health and Welfare

The CDC website provides some important information about strokes: Learn what to do if you or someone else is having a stroke. During a stroke, every minute counts! Fast treatment can lessen the brain damage that stroke can cause. By knowing the signs and symptoms of stroke, you can take quick action and perhaps save a life—maybe even your own. What are the signs of stroke in men and women?

- *Sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body.*
- *Sudden confusion, trouble speaking, or difficulty understanding speech.*
- *Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.*
- *Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance, or lack of coordination.*
- *Sudden severe headache with no known cause.*

Call 9-1-1 right away if you or someone else has any of these symptoms. Act F.A.S.T. to help stroke patients get the [treatments](#) they need. The stroke treatments that work best are available only if the stroke is recognized and diagnosed within 3 hours of the first symptoms. Stroke patients may not be eligible for these if they don't arrive at the hospital in time.

If you think someone may be having a stroke, act F.A.S.T. and do the following test:

F—Face: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

A—Arms: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

S—Speech: Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is the speech slurred or strange?

T—Time: If you see any of these signs, call 9-1-1 right away.

Note the time when any symptoms first appear. This information helps health care providers determine the best treatment for each person.

Do not drive to the hospital or let someone else drive you. Call 9-1-1 for an ambulance so that medical personnel can begin life-saving treatment on the way to the emergency room.

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/stroke/signs_symptoms.htm



Condolences

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

Condolences to Erin McGuire Maye and Bill Maye on the passing of Erin's mother Diane C. O'Donnell on October 11, 2023. May she rest in peace.

Noteworthy

Member Chip Hayes is collecting items for disabled veterans who reside at the VA Nursing Home in Montrose, NY. Please consider picking up an item or two (or more) and dropping it off at the November meeting. Step into the holiday season by helping out a veteran. Suggested items include: lap blankets, American flags, batteries AA, AAA & D size, pens, pencils & writing paper, game books, crossword books, word find books, sudoku puzzle books, playing cards, card games (Uno), hairbrushes, toothbrushes & toothpaste, white socks (male & female). A box will be available at the November meeting to collect donated items.



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