



# ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS

*January 2024*

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude to the membership and the Executive Board for allowing me to serve as the President of the Rockland County Shields. It has been an absolute honor to serve in this position. Over the past two years, we have maintained our membership numbers, organized a Law Enforcement Medal Day, provided a NARCAN Training seminar, established a corporate sponsorship program, and entered into an agreement to provide legal counsel to every member of the Shields.

In addition to these initiatives, what I am most proud of is being able to speak to all the organization's members. When I first joined in 1998, I barely knew ten members. But now, I can confidently say that I know hundreds of them. It was also fascinating to hear stories from the 60's and 70's from members who served during that time. I believe that the cops who served between the 50's and 90's were the greatest generation of cops the world has ever seen.

Unfortunately, a few weeks ago, our community witnessed an unspeakable tragedy at the hands of a police officer. We may never fully understand why it happened. All we can do is pray that such incidents don't occur again and that those in need get the help they require.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as President. I remain humbled by my experience and am proud to be part of this distinguished organization. Good luck to Ed Weireter and the entire Executive Board.

Fraternally,

Christian J. Cortelli  
President



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

01/31/24	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS HAVERSTRAW ELKS, HAVERSTRAW, NEW YORK
02/06/24	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN (AT THE ROTELLA GOLF COURSE) THIELLS, NEW YORK
02/28/24	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS, HAVERSTRAW
03/05/24	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING-LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
03/27/24	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS, HAVERSTRAW, NEW YORK
04/02/24	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
04/24/24	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING- LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS HAVERSTRAW ELKS, HAVERSTRAW NEW YORK
05/07/24	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
05/29/23	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING~SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
06/04/24	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING- LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
06/26/24	6:00 PM *	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING "BRING YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER" ON THE DECK AT THE HAVERSTRAW ELKS SUPER 50-50 DRAWING
NO JULY OR AUGUST MEETING		
09/03/24	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING- LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
09/25/24	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS, HAVERSTRAW, NEW YORK
10/01/24	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING- LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
10/30/24	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING-" CANDIDATES NIGHT" HAVERSTRAW ELKS, HAVERSTRAW, NEW YORK
11/05/24	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING- LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
11/27/24	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUPER 50-50 DRAWING
TBD	TBD	KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH SANTA



# Membership

The next general membership meeting will take place on Wednesday January 31, 2024 at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. Installation of Officers will take place.

**Proposed for Membership**

**Proposed Agency**

**Proposed by**

**None to report this month.**

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

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You will notice two (2) vehicle stickers in the mailing that contains your membership cards. The stickers can be applied either inside your windshield or on the outside of your vehicle. Additional vehicle stickers will be available for sale for \$1.00 at general membership meetings. As always, please remember to remove any Shields stickers if you sell or trade in your vehicle.



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If you have not received your dues notification, please email us at [RCSHIELDSNEWS@gmail.com](mailto:RCSHIELDSNEWS@gmail.com). Any correspondence can be sent to us at:

Rockland County Shields

PO Box 15

New City, New York 10956



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mark Swammy and his new wife Sue Vaughn on their recent December 1, 2023 marriage. Best of luck to the newlyweds.

## HEALTH AND WELFARE

With winter upon us, be prudent before shoveling or clearing snow. The so-called classic signs of a heart attack are a squeezing pain in the chest, shortness of breath, pain that radiates up to the left shoulder and down the left arm, or a cold sweat. Other signs that are equally common include jaw pain, lower back pain, unexplained fatigue or nausea, and anxiety.

Here are some tips for safe shoveling:

- Warm up your muscles before starting.
- Shovel many light loads instead of fewer heavy ones.
- Take frequent breaks.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Don't feel that you need to clear every speck of snow from your property.
- Head indoors right away if your chest starts hurting, you feel lightheaded or short of breath, your heart starts racing, or some other physical change makes you nervous. If you think you are having a heart attack, call 911 or your local emergency number.

If you are out of shape or worried about your heart, hire a teenage neighbor. He or she could use the money, and probably the exercise.

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/protect-your-heart-when-shoveling-snow-201101151153>

## CONDOLENCES

Shields member Vincent (Ben) Gill (NYC Corrections, ret.), passed away on December 7, 2023. His son Brian Gill (NYPD) is also a member. Our condolences to the entire Gill family.

Condolences to member Kevin Leddy and family on the passing of his father Raymond Leddy who passed away on November 16, 2023. Our condolences to the entire Leddy family.

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The 2024 Rockland County Shields Tim Finn Scholarship Program will be accepting applications on March 15, 2024 through April 30, 2024. This year there will be no printed applications. Applicants must apply online and submit supporting documentation via email. Further information will be forthcoming.

## DON'T FORGET....

Our active members now have access to free legal advice provided by Stolzenburg/Cortelli LLP. They can be reached at (914) 361-4888.





**SHADOW FIREARMS & TACTICS ACADEMY**

**CONCEAL CARRY COURSES**

<b>NON-RESIDENT STATES</b>	<b>PRICE NON-MEMBERS</b>	<b>SHIELD MEMBERS</b>
<b>NEW YORK STATE</b>	\$650	\$550
<b>FLORIDA</b>	\$300 Fingerprints & Photos included	\$225
<b>UTAH</b>	\$300 Fingerprints & Photos included	\$225
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	\$250	\$150
<b>DELAWARE</b>	\$250	\$150
<b>MARYLAND</b>	\$450	\$350
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	\$50 Consultation Fee	\$30 Consultation Fee
<b>WASHINGTON D.C.</b>	<b>Coming Soon</b>	
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	<b>Coming Soon</b>	
<b>NOTARY SERVICE</b>	Included	Included

SHADOW FIREARMS AND TACTICS ACADEMY is offering discounted prices for Shields members, as shown above. For further information contact Tony Stone at (845) 429-1330 or visit the website at <https://www.shadowfta.com/>

The mission of Shadow Firearms & Tactics Academy LLC, is to save lives through the most advanced reality based training; tailored to the individual needs of the military, law enforcement & civilian communities.





## ROCKLAND HR-218

Qualifications begin on March 13, 2024.  
Posted dates run through November 7,  
2024. Registration can be completed  
online at:  
<https://www.rockhr218.com/register>

## UPCOMING EXAMS

Applications are available for the upcoming  
NYS Trooper Entrance Exam. Applications  
will be accepted online 10/23/23-03/04/24.  
[https://publicapps.troopers.ny.gov/Exam-  
internet/](https://publicapps.troopers.ny.gov/Exam-internet/)  
Applicants must be 20 years old but less  
than 35 years old on January 15, 2024.  
Active duty military service may qualify for  
maximum age extension. Application fee is  
\$20.00.

## TOUR DE FORCE

Every year, the Tour de Force brings together over  
300 law enforcement officers from the United  
States and other countries, as well as their loved  
ones, to raise money for the families of fallen  
officers. This incredible event helps support the  
families of those who have made the ultimate  
sacrifice in the line of duty. Rockland County  
Shields has formed a cycling fundraising team for  
the fundraiser, and they are actively seeking  
donations. If you would like to contribute, please  
visit this link: [https://grouprev.com/2024-TDF-  
dennis-dodrill](https://grouprev.com/2024-TDF-dennis-dodrill)



Saturday July 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM

2024 NYPD vs FDNY "Never Forget" Baseball Classic at Clover Stadium.  
Proceeds benefit Widows and Orphans Fund and Tunnel to Towers  
Foundation.