

ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We have made arrangements with the Rockland County Police Academy for a special range date for Shields members (Wednesday, September 4, 2024).

Retired members who wish to qualify under LEOSA (HR 218) must sign up at the General Membership Meetings. Qualifications will be held at the RC Police Range located on South Mountain Road in Haverstraw.

LEOSA cards will be issued at the range upon completion of the range qualification.

Pre-registration is required.

Sorry, no walk-ins at the range.

All necessary forms will be available at the General Membership meetings. A notary will be present at the meetings to complete the 2024 Affidavit.

It's time for the Tim Finn Memorial Scholarship Program. College bound students are encouraged to apply. The applicant must be the son or daughter of a Shields Member and must be accepted into college as a freshman for the Fall 2024 semester. Scholarships will be awarded at the May General Membership Meeting.

Applications must be received by 12 noon, on May 1, 2024.

Scholarship applications must be submitted on line. The Scholarship application can be accessed through the link on the monthly email or on the Shields website:

www.RocklandCountyShields.org FORMS) (under the RESOURCES tab, select

The 2024 Law Enforcement Awards will be presented at the April General Membership Meeting. There is still time to nominate an officer or a civilian for exceptional service. The application can be accessed through the link on the monthly email or on the Shields website (under the RESOURCES tab, select FORMS).

Super 50-50 tickets are going out this month. Please support the Super 50-50 as it is the foundation of the Shields Scholarship Program. Additional Super 50-50 tickets can be obtained from any Board member or just send an email to: RCShieldsMedia@gmail.com

Fraternally, Ed Weireter

Those who hammer their swords into plows will plow for those who do not. (Benjamin Franklin)





CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

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	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	NARCAN TRAINING-HAVERSTRAW ELKS YOU MUST PRE REGISTER TO ATTEND THE TRAINING MORE INFO INSIDE THE NEWSLETTER 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		
06/09/24	5:00 PM	300 CLUB DRAWING AND PARTY HAVERSTRAW ELKS (OUTDOORS WEATHER PERMITTING)		
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		

NO DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAYS TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES





Membership

The next general membership meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM.

Proposed for Membership	Proposed Agency	Proposed by
Anthony J. Costa	Rockland Co. Sheriffs Dept.	Ed Weireter
Matthew Leach	Rockland Co. Sheriffs Dept.	Ed Weireter
Catrina Medina	RCSD Communications Div	Greg Hatzis
Tyler Kennedy	Rockland Co. Sheriffs Dept.	Ed Weireter

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

THE SHIELDS WILL ONCE AGAIN BE HOSTING NALOXONE (NARCAN) TRAINING FOR OUR MEMBERS. THE TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 24, 2024, BEFORE THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. ADVANCE SIGNUP IS REQUIRED. CHECK-IN WILL BEGIN AT 5:00 PM WITH THE TRAINING BEGINNING AT 5:15 PM. YOU MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE AND YOU MUST ATTEND THE ENTIRE TRAINING TO RECEIVE YOUR NARCAN KIT. TO SIGN UP, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL WITH YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFO TO RCSHIELDSNEWS@GMAIL.COM





There have been issues with some of this years dues notices being lost by the U.S. Post Office. If you have not received your dues notification, please email us

at RCSHIELDSNEWS@gmail.com

Any correspondence can be mailed to us at:

Rockland County Shields

PO Box 15

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jay Wood (Sgt. Stony Point PD) on his retirement on February 28, 2024 after 33 years of service to the NYPD and Stony Point PD. Best wishes for a long and healthy retirement.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The 2024 Rockland County Shields Tim
Finn Scholarship Program will be
accepting applications on March 15, 2024
through noon on May 1, 2024. This year
there will be no printed applications
accepted. Applicants must apply online
and submit supporting documentation via
email. Online application and instructions
for supporting documentation can be
found at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/IFAIp QLScCBJ-UVUvC2MjyO7PsnPV3gXZIVs-vIMvbbJXCmqvgiu8_g/viewform? usp=pp_url

CARRY THE LOAD

The Shields has received an invitation to take part in the "Carry the Load" event. Carry the Load is a non profit organization that aims to create meaningful connections between Americans and the dailysacrifices made by our military, first responders, veterans and their families. The East Coast Route will be passing through Rockland on Monday April 29, 2024. #carrytheload



WHO ARE YOU CARRYING?

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Lynn Hayes on the passing of her grandson Aidan Knerr on February 14, 2024. Our deepest sympathy to Lynn and her family.

AWARDS NIGHT

The Shields Awards Night will take place at the April General Membership meeting. Awards will include "Rockland County Shields Officer of the Year", "Commendation" and "Civilian Honor Award". The Award Recommendation Form can be found in the digital newsletter and on the Rockland County Shields website via this link www.rocklandcountyshields.org. Award recommendations should reflect incidents that rise to the level deserving of recognition.

300 CLUB

The 300 Club party and drawing will take place on June 9, 2024 on deck at the Haverstraw Elks. Previous ticket holders should expect to hear from whoever sold them last year's ticket in the next few weeks. If you have not had a ticket in the past and would like to go on the waitlist for a ticket, contact Keith Hansen at 845-206-7571

