



ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS

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April 2024

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Rockland County Law Enforcement Memorial will be held on **SATURDAY, May 18th**, at 11:00 AM, in front of the courthouse on Main Street in New City.

Please note the date change. The ceremony was previously held on a Sunday. It has now been moved to **SATURDAY**.

Sadly, the NYPD lost a hero officer in March. Police Officer Jonathan Diller (posthumously promoted to Detective 1) was shot on March 25. We watch politicians point fingers and assign blame, but none will take responsibility. How did we get here?

Remember this come November. Remember what was promised and compare it to what we have. *Choose carefully who gets your vote.*

There will be a NARCAN training session immediately preceding the April General Membership Meeting. It will start at **5:00 PM** in the main room at the Haverstraw Elks. This **FREE** training takes about 1 hour. Participants will receive a card to verify training and an emergency NARCAN package. You must register in advance and attend the entire training.

LEOSA (aka HR 218) - Members wishing to qualify under the provisions of LEOSA can sign up at the General Membership Meetings (April, May, or June). The Rockland Police Academy has assigned the Shields a range date of Wednesday, **September 4**. We will start at 8:00 AM. Participants must present a valid pistol license and valid retired identification.

Participants must complete all required forms at a General Membership Meeting (April, May, or June) and submit the required \$40 fee. A notary will be available at the meetings to complete the Affidavit. Participants must provide their own ammunition, eye protection, and electronic hearing protection. Coffee and donuts will be served.

If you haven't been to a meeting in a while - there was never a better time to stop in. Everyone knows that the best part of the evening is the food (and catching up with friends). Well, we added coffee and cake! It doesn't get better than that.

Scholarship applications must be submitted (online only) by May 1. The application can be accessed through the monthly email, or on the Shields website (under the **RESOURCES** tab, then select **FORMS**).

Please ensure we have your correct email address and other contact information. We rely heavily on email to communicate with our members and friends. Changes can be emailed to: **RCS ShieldsMedia@gmail.com**

See you at the Elks.

Fraternally,

Ed Weireter

There was never a good war, or bad peace. (Benjamin Franklin)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

04/24/24	5:00 PM	NARCAN TRAINING-HAVERSTRAW ELKS YOU MUST PRE REGISTER TO ATTEND THE TRAINING MORE INFO INSIDE THE NEWSLETTER
	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING- HAVERSTRAW ELKS, HAVERSTRAW NEW YORK **LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED TO SEPTEMBER 2024**
05/07/24	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
05/18/24	11:00 AM	ROCKLAND COUNTY POLICE MEMORIAL ROCKLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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 LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS
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, April 24, 2024, at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM.

Proposed for Membership

Catherine Adonetto
Kevin Quinn

Proposed Agency

NYPD (Retired)
RCSD, RTO

Proposed by

Niles Davies
Gregory Hotzis

*****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 5:00 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

New City, New York 10956

Special thank you to MaryEllen "Sid" Dodrill for selecting the delicious cakes we have been enjoying at our meetings.



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.

Congratulations to member Tom Dodrill on being recognized as the oldest Eagle Scout in Rockland County.

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/1FAIpQLScCBJ-UVUvC2MjyO7PsnPV3gXZIVs--vIMvbbJXCmqvgiu8_g/viewform?usp=pp_url

UPCOMING EXAMS

The NYC Environmental Police Officer exam is expected to begin on July 17, 2024. Applications will be accepted April 3 through April 23, 2024. For further information visit NYDCAS at their website <https://a856-exams.nyc.gov>.

FDNY Exam #4044 opens on June 24, 2024. Visit JoinFDNY.com for more information.

NYS Trooper entrance exam applications will be from 03/25/24 through 06/03/2024. Applications and further information can be found at www.joinstatepolice.ny.gov

CONDOLENCES

Member Eugene (Gino) Abbatiello passed away on August 9, 2023. Gino was a regular fixture at all of our meetings. His wife Jeannette passed not long after in January 2024. Our sincere condolences to their loved ones.

AWARDS NIGHT

The Shields Awards Night has been **RESCHEDULED** to the **September 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

33 PRECINCT REUNION

There will be a 33 Pct 30th Anniversary Reunion held on Friday October 4, 2024 at Dunwoodie Golf Course in Yonkers. Francis Lattime will be honored. Cost is \$100.00 per person and included open bar and dinner. For more information contact Rich Fernandez at (914) 391-6449