



ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS

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September 2024

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month there were many memorial services nationwide recalling the events of September 11, 2001. It's been twenty three years and the rebuilding continues.

Sadly, we are still losing first responders to the effects of hazardous materials at the World Trade Center site. Always remember our fallen comrades.

Once again, we had an exceptional time watching the Boulders play on August 15th. It was a fine night for a ball game and we had great seats (in our VIP box).

Many thanks to Vice President John Pinto for another great job.

The weatherman provided perfect conditions for the LEOSA qualifications at the police range on September 4th. I saw quite a few bull's eyes out there!

I want to thank the instructors and academy staff for a "job well done". We are making arrangements for a range date in 2025 (maybe in May or June).

Thanks to Orangetown Trustee Dan Ryan for making the arrangements with the Academy.

Past President Christian Cortelli will be presenting the Shields Law Enforcement Awards at our General Membership Meeting on September 25th. We take this opportunity to recognize outstanding acts by police officers and civilians.

The General Membership Meeting on October 30th will be **Candidates Night**. Mark your calendar. Anyone on the ballot in Rockland County will be invited to our meeting.

Due to IRS rules, the Rockland County Shields does not endorse or recommend candidates/propositions. However, I urge all members to do their due diligence and determine if some career politicians need a career change.

This is an excellent opportunity to decide who gets your support (and who doesn't).

Take note who attends. Remember what the incumbents have done for you during their terms in office. **CHOOSE CAREFULLY**

The Fall Super 50-50 tickets will be sent out this month. The Super 50-50 helps fund the Tim Finn Scholarship Program. Please send in your tickets ASAP.

Need additional tickets? Just contact any Board member.

Please be sure we have your correct email address and correct mailing address. Send any changes to: RCS ShieldsMedia@gmail.com

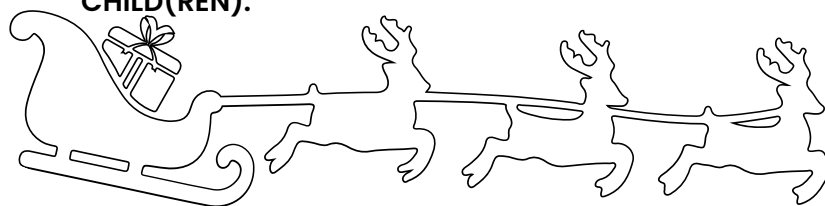
Fraternally,
Ed Weireter

**Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes.
After that, who cares? He's a mile away (and you have his shoes).**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024-2025

- 09/25/24 7:00 PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
HAVERSTRAW ELKS, HAVERSTRAW, NEW YORK
LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS
MORE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS NEWSLETTER**
- 10/01/24 7:00 PM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING- LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN**
- 10/20/24 4:00 PM BRINKS MEMORIAL CEREMONY
MOUNTAINVIEW AVENUE AND ROUTE 59, NYACK**
- 10/30/24 7:00 PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING-" CANDIDATES NIGHT"
HAVERSTRAW ELKS, HAVERSTRAW, NEW YORK
LOCAL CANDIDATES WILL BE INVITED TO ADDRESS OUR MEMBERSHIP
COME AND HEAR THE CANDIDATES BEFORE YOU CAST YOUR VOTES**
- 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
HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!**
- 12/15/24 12 NOON KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE HAVERSTRAW ELKS
BRING THE YOUNG ONES FOR A VISIT WITH SANTA
PLEASE BRING A WRAPPED AND LABELED GIFT FOR YOUR
CHILD(REN).**



NO DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAYS TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

- 01/07/25 7:00 PM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN**
- 01/29/25 7:00 PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB**



Membership

The next general membership meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge. Law Enforcement awards will be presented.

Proposed for Membership

Greg Becker
Thomas J. O'Connor
Carlos E. Alvarez
Colin Cooper
Paul M. McCann

Proposed Agency

Stony Point PD
NYPD
NYPD
Town of Tuxedo
NYPD

Proposed by

Jim Sciacca
Bill Ryan
Richard J. Emhardt
Alan Cooper
Ed Weireter

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

Membership applications can be found on our website at <https://rocklandcountyshields.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/RC-Shields-Membership-Application-2021.pdf>

In addition to membership applications, you will find photos, archived newsletters, history of the Shields and the Calendar. We are also on Facebook as Rockland County Shields.



LAW ENFORCEMENT 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.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

If you wish to receive this newsletter electronically (via email), please send your request and email address to RCShieldsnews@gamil.com. The newsletter will be sent to your email each month, rather than being mailed. If you have not signed up for this yet, we encourage you to do so.





CARNIVAL FOR CANINES

Come join in the fun and “fun”draising to help provide bulletproof vests to working K-9’s in our local departments. September 21st from 12 noon-5 pm at Hudson’s Mill in the Garnerville Terminal at 55 W. Railroad Avenue. Suggested entry donation is \$10.00 and includes a drink. There will be food, raffles, music and K-9 demos.

LEARN TO PLAY BAGPIPES OR DRUMS

The Rockland County Police Emerald Society Inc. Pipes and Drums will be holding lessons. Lessons will begin on October 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Rockland Irish Cultural Center in Blauvelt.

For more information please contact Tom Gaynor at gaynor370@icloud.com or 914-924-0524.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to member Greg Hatzis, on the passing of his father Stavros Hatzis.

SHIELDS CYCLING CLUB



9/11

ALWAYS ★ REMEMBER