



ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS

PO BOX 15 NEW CITY, NEW YORK 10956

January 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy 2025 to all!

We start the New Year with a new President of the United States. Individual politics aside, we wish the best for the incoming administration and look forward to a safe and prosperous nation.

We have once again made arrangements with the Rockland County Police Academy for a special range date for Shields members.

(Thursday, May 15, 2025)

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 General Membership Meetings to complete the 2025 Affidavit.

Dues Notices for 2025 have been mailed out to all Shields members. To those who have already sent in dues payments – we thank you for your prompt response.

Please send in your dues payments as soon as possible so we can get all the 2025 membership cards out.

See you at the Elks.

**Fraternally,
Ed Weireter**

“Don't let schooling interfere with your education.

(Mark Twain)

OFFICERS (2024-2025)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

01/29/25	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB 877 ELKS DRIVE, HAVERSTRAW
02/04/25	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
02/26/25	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB
03/04/26	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
03/23/25		PEARL RIVER SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
03/26/25	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB
04/01/25	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING~ HAPPY APRIL FOOLS DAY! LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
04/30/25	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB
05/06/25	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
05/28/25	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/SCHOLARSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB
06/03/25	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
06/25/25	*6:00 PM*	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON THE DECK, WEATHER PERMITTING BRING YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER AND ENJOY THE EVENING
		<i>NO SUMMER MEETINGS~ SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!</i>
09/02/25	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
09/24/25	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB
10/07/25	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
10/29/25	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB



Membership

The next general membership meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge. We hope to see you there.

Proposed for Membership	Proposed Agency	Proposed by
Jay I. Kopstein	DEP. CHIEF, NYPD, Opns Div, Retired	Ed Weireter
Andrew Kryger	DET, Stony Point PD, Active	Ed Weireter
Rich Spatta	DET, Haverstraw PD, Active	Ed Weireter
Daniel DeMarco	PO,NYPD, 46 PDU, Active	Chris Cortelli
Alays Aquino	PO, Haverstraw PD, Active	Manny Figueroa
Raymond Laschet	PO.Clarkstown PD, Active	Chris Cortelli

*****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.

2025 dues notices have gone out. Please make sure we have your current address. Please send an email to RCShieldsnews@gmail.com if you need to update any of your information.

EMAIL ALERT

The Rockland County Shields DOES NOT solicit donations by email. The following emails are legitimate emails used by The Shields:

- RCShieldsPresident@gmail.com*
- RCShieldsNews@gmail.com*
- RCShieldsMedia@gmail.com*

If you receive any suspicious emails that are not from one of the addresses, please know that it is not from The Shields.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

If you wish to receive this newsletter electronically (via email), please send your request and email address to RCShieldsnews@gmail.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.





CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Past President John Peluso on the passing of his wife, Elaine on November 25, 2024. Our deepest condolences to John and his family.

Condolences to member Leo Lungaro, (NYPD, Ret.) on the passing of his brother Charlie Lungaro, on December 26, 2024. Charlie was also retired from the NYPD. Our deepest condolences to the Lungaro family.

Member Brendan Mullarkey (NYPD, Ret.) passed away on January 6, 2025. He was a police officer from 1959-1989. In 1971 he was shot and awarded the Combat Cross. Our deepest sympathy to the Mullarkey family.

WELL WISHES

Well wishes to John Dillon after undergoing a medical procedure.

Well wishes to Lynn Hayes after undergoing surgery.

DET. STEVEN MCDONALD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In the spirit of all that Detective Steven McDonald stood for, NYPD With Arms Wide Open has established a scholarship award for students within the NYPD community living with special needs, or those who are the family members of an individual with special needs.

The 2025 Scholarship application process is now open. All completed entries are due no later than Friday, February 7, 2025.

Applications can be found here: <https://nypdwawo.org/detective-steven-mcdonald-scholarship-fund/>

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to newly installed Hudson Valley 10-13 President Mike Sweeney and the newly installed board.

WTC HEALTH PROGRAM

Member Steven A. Wallace (NYPD PBA Delegate, Retired, US Navy Veteran) is the Senior Outreach & Education Program Coordinator at the World Trade Center Health Program at Mt. Sinai. Steve was kind enough to address the members at a previous general membership meeting. If you need to reach him with any questions regarding the WTC Health Program, he can be reached at the following:

Office/Cell: 646-584-7797

or via Email at:

steven.wallace@mssm.edu

NYPD vs. FDNY

Benefitting the Widows and Children's Fund

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NYPD Sports presents

NYPD FINEST VS F.D. N.Y.

BARCLAYS CENTER

Sunday, January 26, 2025 1:00 PM

For tickets scan QR code or visit:
[HTTPS://FEVO-ENTERPRISE.COM/EVENT/NYPDVS2](https://FEVO-ENTERPRISE.COM/EVENT/NYPDVS2)

Benefitting the PBA Widows and Children's Fund