



# ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS

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February 2025

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Hang in there, Spring is only a few weeks away.**

**Dues Notices for 2025 were sent to all Shields members.**

**To those who have already sent in dues payments – we thank you for your prompt response. Please send in dues payments as soon as possible so we can get the 2025 cards out.**

**The By Laws state that meetings are for members in “good standing”. If you don’t have a 2025 membership card – you may not have paid your dues.**

### LEOSA Reminder

**Anyone interested in attending the HR218 Range Qualification can sign up at the General Membership Meeting.**

**The Rockland County Police Academy has reserved May 15, 2025, for the Rockland County Shields.**

**Registration is required. Sorry, no walk ins.**

**All necessary forms are available at our meetings.**

**There will also be a notary present to complete the Affidavit.**

**See you at the Elks.**

**Bring a new member!**

**Fraternally,  
Ed Weireter**

**“A lie can travel around the world and back again  
while the truth is still lacing up its boots.”  
(Mark Twain)**



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

ALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS BEING AT 7:00 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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

***NO SUMMER MEETINGS~ SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!***

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
11/04/25	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
11/26/25	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB



# Membership

The next general membership meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge. We hope to see you there.

## Proposed for Membership

William R. Leins  
Jennifer Librizzi  
Pete Martinez  
Joseph Rizzo  
Carlos Zapata  
John Powers  
Jon C. Valentino  
Thomas Roeder  
Larry Ayers  
Rafael Gonzalez  
Martin Fogarty  
Greg Baisley  
Robert Wentland  
Conrad McDowell

## Proposed Agency

PO, NYPD, 47 Pct., Retired  
PO, WPPD, Retired  
Det2. NYPD. Retired  
PO, NYPD, F&TS, Retired  
PO, NYPD, 44 Pct., Retired  
PO, NYPD, AVN, Retired  
PO, Highland Falls PD  
PO, Orangetown PD  
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## Proposed by

Ed Weireter  
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Mark Murphy  
Mark Murphy  
Joseph Cain  
Ed Weireter  
Jon P. Valentino  
Patrick Casey  
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**\*\*\*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.

## 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](mailto:RCShieldsPresident@gmail.com)

[RCShieldsNews@gmail.com](mailto:RCShieldsNews@gmail.com)

[RCShieldsMedia@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## 2025 DUES NOTICES

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





## CONDOLENCES

Condolences to member Rich Anderson on the passing of his wife, Rose. Our deepest sympathy to Rich and the entire Anderson family.

## TIM FINN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Online applications for the Rockland County Shields Tim Finn Scholarship Program will open on March 1, 2025. Please ensure the application is complete and all supporting documentation is submitted via email only by noon on May 1, 2025. Applications or supporting documents will not be accepted as drop off hard copies.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Middletown Police Exam will be offered on May 3, 2025. For more information visit

<https://www.middletownny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3817/Police-Officer-2025>

The NYC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is hiring medicolegal investigators. For more information and to apply visit:

<https://cityjobs.nyc.gov/job/medicolegal-investigator-i-in-nyc-all-boros-jid-30027>

Westchester County will be offering a Police Officer exam on May 3, 2024.

Applications must be filed by February 24, 2025. For more information visit:

<https://humanresources.westchestergov.com/police-officer-exams>

## HV 10-13 MEETING

The next HV 1013 meeting will be held on March 20, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Post 1600 American Legion located at 20 Station Road, Pomona, NY.

## STONY POINT PBA BLOOD DRIVE

Blood supplies are dangerously low. The Stony Point PBA is hosting a blood drive on February 24, 2025, in conjunction with the NY Blood Center. Please consider making a blood donation. Specific information can be found below.



**Monday, February 24  
3:15pm – 7:45pm**

**Stony Point PBA  
5 Patriot Hills Drive - Stony Point NY  
Kirkbride Hall**

**To Make Your Appointment:  
Scan QR Code  
Visit [nybc.org/donate](https://nybc.org/donate)  
Call 1-800-933-2566**



### Prepare to donate

Eat well and hydrate

Bring a photo ID

Feel good and symptom free

Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form

Meet minimum weight requirement

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit [nybc.org/eligibility](https://nybc.org/eligibility).

Appointments Preferred, Walk-ins Welcome