



ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS

PO BOX 15 NEW CITY, NEW YORK 10956

March 2026

OFFICERS (2026-2027)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENT
Ed Weireter

1ST VICE PRESIDENT
John Pinto

It's time for the **Tim Finn Memorial Scholarship Program**. College bound students are encouraged to apply.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT
Lou Falco III

The applicant must be the son or daughter of a Shields Member and must be accepted into college as a freshman for the Fall 2026 semester. Scholarships will be awarded at the May General Membership Meeting.

TREASURER
Joe Cain

SECRETARY
Lynn Hayes

Applications must be received by 12 noon, on **May 1, 2026**
Scholarship applications must be **submitted on line**.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY
Jim Sciacca

The Scholarship application link can be accessed in the March and April emails, and on our website:

1ST SGT. AT ARMS
Paul Arico

www.RocklandCountyShields.org

2ND SGT. AT ARMS
Bob Davan

(Click on the **RESOURCES** tab, then select **FORMS**)

EDITOR
Peg Varieur

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.

CHAPLAIN
George Albin

DIGITAL MEDIA OFFICER
Dennis Dodrill

Need additional tickets - just send an email to: RCShieldsMedia@gmail.com

TRUSTEES (2024-2025)
ORANGETOWN
Daniel Ryan

LEOSA reminder - range date is, Thursday, May 14.

CLARKSTOWN
Chris Brigando

Registration is required.

HAVERSTRAW
Manny Figueroa

Anyone wishing to attend can register at the March or April General Membership Meetings. All necessary forms are available at the meetings. We will have a notary present to complete the Affidavit.

STONY POINT
Keith Hansen

RAMAPO
Mike Higgins

TRUSTEE AT LARGE
Tim Connolly Jr

See you at the Elks. Bring a new member!

HEALTH AND WELFARE
John Dillon

Fraternally,
Ed Weireter

HISTORIAN
Mark Murphy

PAST PRESIDENT
Christian Cortelli

"Thomas Jefferson once said, 'We should never judge a president by his age, only by his works.' And ever since he told me that, I stopped worrying." (Ronald Reagan)

Legal Counsel
StolzenbergCortelli



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

03/25/26	5:00 PM	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING PRIOR REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS LODGE
04/07/26	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
04/29/26	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS LODGE
05/05/26	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
5/10-5/16/26		NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
05/27/26	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS HAVERSTRAW ELKS LODGE
06/02/26	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
06/24/26	*6:00 PM*	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING BRING YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER AND ENJOY THE OUTDOOR DECK (WEATHER PERMITTING)
06/28/26	2:00 PM	300 CLUB PARTY AND DRAWING HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB GOOD LUCK TO ALL TICKET HOLDERS

NO SUMMER MEETINGS

Save the date!! The Shields 60th Anniversary Dinner Dance will be held on October 10, 2026 at the Haverstraw Elks Club. The event flyer is in this newsletter. Journal sponsorship information will be sent via email and on the website.



Membership

The next general membership meeting will take place at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge. The Emergency Preparedness training will take place prior to the meeting at 5:00 PM. Prior registration is required for the training. Come see old friends and maybe make some new ones. Bring a new member!

Proposed for Membership

John M. Verwoert
Daniel Newman

Proposed Agency

Clarkstown PD
NYPD

Proposed by

Brian G. Verwoert
Dennis Dodrill

Membership applications can be found on our website by clicking [HERE](#).

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

If you purchased a 2025 300 Club ticket, you will be receiving a text message to purchase your existing number for 2026. If you do not wish to purchase this year, please let us know so we can offer it to the waiting list.

If you wish to receive text message updates and meeting reminders, please send an email with your name and cellular phone number to rcshieldnews@gmail.com

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OF INTEREST

The Rockland County Sheriff's Office will collect outdated, unused and unwanted medications including all controlled & non controlled substances. Bring the items to the Rockland County Sheriff's Office front lobby where there is a secure drop box located for 24/7 collection.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to member Michael J. Gokey, who retired from the Rockland County Sheriff's Department on March 28, 2025.

Paul Arico, 1st Sgt at Arms, will be representing The Shields at the Pearl River Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 22, 2026. The parade steps off at 1:30 PM. Be sure to give Paul a wave if you are in attendance.



HEALTH AND WELFARE

We currently have two members in need of transportation assistance to and from dialysis appointments. Thank you to those of you that have reached out to help. If you can be of assistance, please contact us via email at RCShieldsnews@gmail.com and we can put you in touch.

Well wishes to all our members who are dealing with health issues. Please reach out if The Shields can be of help.

NYS HOMELAND SECURITY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

There will be a NYS Citizens Preparedness Course on March 25, 2026 at 5:00 PM. The training will take place at the Haverstraw Elks. Advanced registration is required. Sign up online at : [Homeland Security Preparedness Training SIGN UP HERE](#)

TIM FINN MEMORIAL

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The application for the Tim Finn Memorial Scholarship Program will be available online on March 15, 2026. Please ensure the application is complete and all supporting documentation is submitted via email only by noon on May 1, 2026. At that time, the application site will no longer be accessible. Hard copy applications or supporting documents will not be accepted. The application and instructions can be found [HERE](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_YCZOIXTfPiUU6TxnJEnKUAb5lQi-0h_E5JkGfhp92nT1AQ/viewform?usp=header)
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_YCZOIXTfPiUU6TxnJEnKUAb5lQi-0h_E5JkGfhp92nT1AQ/viewform?usp=header

ROCKLAND COUNTY VET-2-VET PROGRAM

The Rockland County Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer Support Program is operated through BRIDGES and supported by the Rockland County Department of Mental Health and the Rockland County Veteran Service Agency. The Program provides Vet-to-Vet support among Veterans, trained in military behavioral health, who personally understand the effects of PTSD and TBI. This program is available to all Veterans, members of the Armed Forces, Guard, Reserves, and their families. All are welcome regardless of service dates, discharge status or dependency status. The program is free and confidential. Call (845) 624-1366 for more information.

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60th Anniversary Dinner Dance

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF DINNER, DANCING AND
CAMARADERIE!

*Saturday October 10, 2026 7:00 pm
Haverstraw Elks Club
877 Elks Drive, Haverstraw N.Y.*

125.00 per person includes cocktail hour, sit down dinner, open bar and dancing. Cocktail attire suggested.

*Reservations and table requests can be emailed to:
Rcshieldsnews@gmail.com Payment can be made to
"payrocklandshields@gmail.com" via zelle, or mailed to:
PO Box 15 New City, NY 10956*





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Dear Members, Friends, and Supporters of The Rockland County Shields,

The Rockland County Shields will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary on Saturday, October 10, 2026, with a festive Dinner Dance. Our Executive Board and membership invite you to support this special event.

There are a variety of ways that you can support this year’s event, including attending the Dinner Dance, sponsoring a journal ad, or making a direct donation. Details for purchasing tickets and journal ads or making direct donations can be found on the enclosed form as well as on our website, rocklandcountyshields.org. Thank you in advance for supporting the 60th Anniversary of The Rockland County Shields.

Sincerely,

Ed Weireter
President, Rockland County Shields

60th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Saturday, October 10, 2026, at The Haverstraw Elks

\$125.00 per person includes:
Cocktail Hour 7 p.m.–8 p.m., Dinner & Dancing 8 p.m.– Midnight with DJ Rockin’ Richie Lea
Table requests will be accommodated as able.

Names of attendees _____
Number of attendees _____
Phone number _____
E-mail _____
Table requests _____

Journal Opportunities:

Please consider supporting our event by purchasing a Journal Ad. A commemorative journal will be available in both printed and digital formats. Sponsorship Ads are a great way to showcase your business and show your support for The Shields.

Journal Ad Submission Deadline: Friday, September 15, 2026
E-mail journal ads to rcshieldsnews@gmail.com. Accepted Content: size 5”w x 7.5”h; in the form of a fully designed ad, text/image, or business card.

Please indicate your preference below:
 Back Cover \$300 Inside Front Cover \$200
 Full Page \$100 Half Page \$75 Shields sponsor listing \$50

- Payment for the Dinner Dance and Journal sponsorships can be made:
- **electronically** by emailing the completed form to rcshieldsnews@gmail.com and paying via Zelle to “PayRocklandShields@gmail.com” or
 - **mail** the completed form and a check to: Rockland County Shields, PO Box 15, New City, NY 10956. Checks should be made out to “Rockland County Shields”.

Thank you for your support.