



ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS

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May 2026

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On October 1, 1962, President Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726, designating May 15th of each year as "[Peace Officers Memorial Day](#)", and the week in which it falls as "[National Police Week](#)".

The Rockland County Law Enforcement Memorial will be held on SATURDAY, May 16th, at 11:00 AM, in front of the court house on Main Street in New City.

Please make every effort to attend. We must never forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

The May General Membership Meeting is our big event

[The Tim Finn Scholarship Program](#)

We will be presenting scholarships to 10 college bound students. We wish them well in their studies. This meeting usually fills up quickly, so arrive early to get a good seat.

These awards are made possible from the successes of events like the 300 Club and the Super 50-50.

**School Budget Elections - Tuesday - May 19, 2026
Get out to vote!!**

There are 8 school districts in Rockland County:

- Clarkstown
- East Ramapo
- North Rockland
- Nanuet
- Nyack
- Pearl River
- South Orangetown
- Suffern

ALL districts have elections for their annual school budgets and for School Board positions. Visit the website of your district and find out who's who.

See you at the Elks. Bring a new member!

**Fraternally,
Ed Weireter**

"Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake." (Napoleon Bonaparte)



Membership

The next general membership meeting will take place at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge. Scholarship Awards will be presented. Come see old friends and maybe make some new ones. Bring a new member!

Proposed for Membership

Carlos Nieves
Christine Fortune
Peter Creegan
Michael McDonnell
Alan Vaccaro

Proposed Agency

NYPD, Ret.
NYPD, Ret.
NYPD, Ret.
NYPD, Ret.
NYPD, Ret

Proposed by

Al Amoros
M. Roche/J. Doyle
John Creegan
Paul Arico
Mark Murphy

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 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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ROCKLAND COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL

The Rockland County Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony will take place on Saturday May 16, 2026 at 11:00 am, in front of the Rockland County Courthouse located at 1 South Main Street, New City, New York.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

5/03/26-5/09/26

NATIONAL CORRECTION OFFICER WEEK

5/10/26-5/16/26

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

05/16/26

11:00 AM

**ROCKLAND COUNTY POLICE MEMORIAL CEREMONY
ROCKLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

05/20/26

7:00 PM

**HV 10-13 MEETING
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #488
MONROE, NY**

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

09/08/26

7:00 PM

**WELCOME BACK
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN**

09/30/26

7:00 PM

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB**

10/06/26

7:00 PM

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN**

10/10/23

7:00 PM

**SHIELDS' 60TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE
EVENT AND JOURNAL INFORMATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER**

10/28/26

7:00 PM

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB**



CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of member James Filgate (NYPD, Retired) who passed away on January 28, 2026.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to William Simurra (Suffern PD) on his promotion to Lieutenant.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Thomas Hovagim, Director of POPPA (Police Organization Providing Peer Assistance), for speaking at the April general membership meeting.

TIM FINN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Tim Finn Memorial Scholarship awards will be presented at the General Membership meeting on May 27, 2026. We received numerous applications from many exceptional young men and women. Congratulations to our recipients and their parents.

Member	Student
Ronald Bolte	Ronald Bolte
Francis Farrelly	Michael Farrelly
John Rohack	Donald Rohack
Kevin Twohig	Megan Twohig
Toni Tynan	Aileen Tynan
Daniel Lee	Margaret Oh
Timothy O'Callaghan	Claire O'Callaghan
Brian McKiernan	Lauren McKiernan
Charles Murphy	Liam Murphy

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 RCS Shieldsnews@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.

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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.