



ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS

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June 2026

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the May General Membership Meeting, we awarded scholarships to 10 college bound students. Best of luck to all of them!

They have some very impressive career goals. We are in good hands.

It is a huge task to oversee the Scholarship Program.

Another great job by Peg Varieur.

Once again, Shields members attended LEOSA (HR218) qualifications at the Rockland County Police Range in May.

The Rockland County Police and Public Safety Academy staff gave us the "Red Carpet Treatment" and we thank them all for their assistance.

I heard we have quite a few marksmen in our organization.

See you all at the range next year!

This month's General Membership Meeting (June 24th at 6:00 PM) will be the Super 50/50 drawing!!

There is still time to get a Super 50-50 ticket.

See you at the Elks. Bring a new member!

**Fraternally,
Ed Weireter**

"Facts are stubborn things, but statistics are more pliable."

(Mark Twain)



Membership

The next general membership meeting will take place at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge. Bring your significant other to the meeting. Come see old friends and maybe make some new ones. Bring a new member!

Proposed for Membership

Georgia Barker
Paul Crowley

Proposed Agency

Bronx DA Office
RCSD

Proposed by

Gregory S. Hatzis
Jim Camus

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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<https://www.911healthwatch.org/>

911 Health Watch monitors the programs created by The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act and are ready to address any lapses in delivery of services and, if necessary, suggest changes to better serve you, our community of heroes, survivors, and their families. 911 Health Watch was created to ensure we will never forget. Please visit the link above for information about 911 Health Watch.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

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 FOOD WILL BE SERVED INDOORS THE DECK WILL BE AVAILABLE WEATHER PERMITTING *** NOTE 6:00 PM START TIME ***
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' 60 TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE EVENT AND JOURNAL INFORMATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER
10/28/26	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB
11/03/26	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
11/25/26	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB SUPER 50-50 DRAWING HAPPY THANKSGIVING



THANK YOU

Many thanks to all of our members who generously donated to the scholarship fund. The support is instrumental in sustaining the Tim Finn Scholarship Program. In addition, thank you to the many hands behind the scenes that make the program and event possible.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to member Stephen Reynolds (Retired Stony Point PD on the passing of his father on May 13, 2026.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Get well wishes to Tim Sr. and Liz Connolly.

Get well wishes to Shields President Ed Weireter.

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.

LET US KNOW...

Help us keep the membership up to date by letting us know about retirements, promotions and other items of interest. You can email us information for the newsletter and/or our social media at RCShieldsnews@gmail.com.

HONOR FLIGHT

Shields 2nd Sgt. at Arms, Bob Davan, and his son Ryan (CPD), also a Shields member, recently embarked on the Hudson Valley Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Bob is a U.S. Army veteran (1968-1970). They flew on a AA charter flight from Westchester Airport with 66 veterans. Hudson Valley Honor Flight (HVHF) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization which "Honors American Veterans" for all their sacrifices. They transport these heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit their memorials at no cost to them. For more information about this "honor of a lifetime" program, please visit <https://hvhonorflight.com/>



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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:

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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.