



ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS

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Summer 2026

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June was a busy month for Shields fundraisers. The Super 50-50 was a big success. Great job (again) by John Pinto.

Our 300 Club was also a big success. All tickets were sold!!
Great job by Paul Arico.

Thank you to all who supported these fundraisers.

Our next General Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 30th, at the Haverstraw Elks.

Before that, on September 11th, there will be memorial services all over the country remembering the events in NY City, the Pentagon, and Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

We must never forget the devastating losses of first responders and civilians 25 years ago.

We also remember all of our brothers and sisters in blue who succumbed to 9/11 related illnesses.

See you at the Elks. Bring a new member.

Fraternally,
Ed Weireter

"The trouble ain't that there is too many fools, but that the lightning ain't distributed right". (Mark Twain)



Membership

The next general membership meeting will take place at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge. Come see old friends and maybe make some new ones. Bring a new member!

Proposed for Membership

Proposed Agency

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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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VETERANS INFORMATION

Meta has revealed its initiative to donate Ray-Ban Meta AI glasses to 130,000 visually impaired veterans across the nation. This generous contribution will be accompanied by training sessions designed to empower recipients to maximize the benefits of these innovative glasses. The Ray-Ban Meta AI glasses represent a significant advancement in technology for veterans with visual impairments, enabling them to read documents, recognize objects, and enhance their independence. The Suffern Free Library is organizing training workshops. Interested individuals can register through their website found here at [Suffern Free Library](#).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

NO SUMMER MEETINGS

09/08/26	7:00 PM	WELCOME BACK EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
09/17/26	7:00 PM	HUDSON VALLEY 10-13 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AMERICAN LEGION POST 1600 POMONA, NY
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
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

STAY TUNED FOR THE DATE AND TIME OF THE KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY.





CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Shields member Jimmy Corrigan and family on the passing of his wife Joan, who passed away on April 28, 2026.

Condolences to the family of Shields member Maurice Buckley, who passed away on June 24, 2026.

Condolences to the family of Shields member John P. O'Malley, who passed away on July 16, 2026.

Nora Molloy, widow of late member James Molloy passed away on July 30, 2026. Condolences to the Molloy family.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Well wishes to our members who are dealing with 9/11 related illness, and those recovering from treatments and surgeries.

Two of our members are in need of transportation assistance to and from dialysis treatments. A number of members have volunteered, but more are always welcome. Please reach out to rcshieldsnews@gmail.com if you are able to be of assistance. We will put you in contact with the right people.

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



OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS

A 25th Anniversary 9/11 Memorial Concert will take place at The Infosys Theater at Madison Square Garden on September 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM. A Post Party will take place at the Manhattan Center Grand Ballroom with music by Shilelagh Law. For tickets and further information, visit www.NYPDPipesandDrums.com

Member Rich Rogers reports the following good news: His grandson Matthew Rogers obtained the rank of Eagle Scout and Co-Valedictorian at Nanuet High School within the same week. In addition, he was awarded a scholarship from the FBI National Academy. Matthew comes from a long tradition of Law Enforcement. In addition to his grandfather, his great-great grandfather served in the NYPD and his great-great-greatgrandfather served in the Jersey City PD. Keep up the good work Matthew!

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.



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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.