



Erie County Deputy Sheriffs Badge & Shield Club, Inc.

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JUNE, 2026

Our May meeting will be held on **Monday, June 15th, 2026** at **Champions sports Bar & Grill** located at **1042 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville, NY**. This meeting is for **Members Only**. Please remember to contact Debbie at least **one week** prior to the meeting at **716-816-5368** (text or call) or email at nortond8991@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Thank you for your continued cooperation! **Reminder: Members are \$20.** Meetings begin at 6:30pm.

Our May meeting was held at La Bella Sicilia. This was the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Badge & Shield Club! There was a total of 42 members and guests in attendance. Everyone raved about the food. The split club was won by Cindy Sullivan with a jackpot of \$95, and Karen Morgan won a ticket to the Italian-American Police Association Annual Outing.

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From our President Chris Clark:

"Shout out to our long-time Treasurer Kenny Napora and some of his shipmates from the USS Omaha SSN 692, a nuclear-powered *Los Angeles class submarine* commissioned in 1976. Kenny served on the boat from 1987-1991. The submarine was decommissioned in 1995. It was the 3rd US Navy vessel to be named after the original USS Omaha of the WWII era. Kenny, Kathy, and some of his fellow sailors recently attended a dedication ceremony in Omaha, Nebraska for a new memorial to the USS Omaha. The Navy's USS Omaha submarine was in service from 1976-1995. It was used in the Cold War and was part of a class of nuclear-powered attack submarines that starred in the movie 'Hunt for Red October'. When the USS Omaha was retired, the sail and rudder were saved and stored. The city of Omaha has been working since 2010 to bring them to the heartland. The USS Omaha Action Committee is planning to create a replica of the USS Omaha submarine for a new memorial park next to Eppley Airfield in Levi Carter Park, Omaha, Nebraska. To Kenny and all veterans – "Thank you for your Service"."

Our sincere condolences go out to the family of Mrs. Kathleen Torrey (Mother-in-Law of Confidential Assistance Sharon Torrey, Administrative Division).

Please mark your calendars.....

The Italian-American Police Association of Western New York (IAPA) will be hosting their **Annual Outing on Wednesday, June 24th, 2026 from 2:00pm to 10:00pm at Carriagers Social Club located at 224 Fisher Road, West Seneca, NY.** Presale tickets are \$30 and \$35 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online for will call at www.iaapwny.org Call (716) 570-3299 for tickets or information. Also, Club Member Charlie Tirone has tickets for sale.

The **Badge & Shield Club's Annual Picnic** is scheduled for **Saturday August 1st, 2026** from 4pm to 11:00pm at The Wings Meeting Place located at **3964 California Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127.** All information regarding ticket sales is enclosed with this newsletter. Thank you to Ken White for the impressive banner that will be displayed at the Picnic. We will need volunteers to help with this event. Contact Joel at Joel.Cancilla@badgeandshieldclub.com if you have any questions. Please come out to support your Club!

As noted in last month's newsletter, a proposal was made to have some of our meetings in the morning (breakfast) or afternoon (lunch). We need to hear from you if this is something that you would like to see happen. You have a voice in this Club and if you are unable to make the meetings, please express your thoughts by contacting either Chris or Debbie so your voice can be heard.

This will be our last meeting until September. See you at Champions!


Chris Clark
President


Debbie Norton
Corresponding Secretary

Please check out our Badge & Shield Club website www.Badgeandshieldclub.com and share any newsworthy items or bits of history for the newsletter with us.