

NORTH COUNTRY SPOUSES'

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NORTH COUNTRY CHRONICLES

The North Country Spouses' Club Monthly E-Newsletter

From the President -

As the season of gratitude is upon us, I can't help but feel most thankful for our incredible Fort Drum community. Time and again, we've seen what it means to come together—offering strength, compassion, and encouragement even in times of uncertainty. We understand that the ongoing government shutdown has created stress and uncertainty for many of our members. Please know that your North Country Spouses' Club remains committed to transparency, understanding, and supporting you and your family through it all.

With that in mind, we have made the difficult decision to **postpone our North Country Gala** at this time. While we know this event is a highlight of our year and an important fundraiser for our Scholarships and Grants Program, we believe this decision reflects our priority of caring for our members first. We are hopeful to reschedule this special event in the new year, so please stay tuned for more details to come.

Don't forget that membership is open year round. **Sponsored memberships are available to those in need.** We don't want financial hardship to prevent any military spouse from finding friendship, connection, and community this winter season.

To all of our generous members—**THANK YOU**. Thank you for showing up, volunteering your time, and continuing to pour your hearts into this organization, even when life feels uncertain. We are truly in awe of your **Spirit of Community** and the kindness that defines who we are as military families. As we move through this season of gratitude, let's continue to lift one another up, find comfort in connection, and remember that we are stronger together. Wishing you and your loved ones peace, warmth, and gratitude this Thanksgiving season.

- Alyssa Faughnan





Inspiring a Spirit of Community

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ABOUT US

The North Country Spouses' Club fosters positive connections amongst all spouses and the Fort Drum community through various social events and volunteer opportunities.

The organization takes pride in our members, encompassing all ranks and genders, who have dedicated countless hours of service to the Fort Drum community. We are dedicated to the tradition of the Army while moving forward with it's vision for tomorrow.

Our Mission is to inspire a spirit of community at Fort Drum by providing scholarships, community grants, and opportunities for social, cultural, and creative pursuits while fostering service through community projects.

Whether you are new to Fort Drum or have been here awhile, we cannot wait to meet you!

MEET OUR BOARD

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Volunteer Opportunities

☀️ We're looking for an Amazing Volunteer ☀️

Do you love to connect, organize, and make a difference? We have an exciting role waiting just for you!

🦋 Social Co-Chair

Are you a Social Butterfly!? This chair coordinates and supports our sub-clubs with their monthly meet ups, and helps bring our members together for great times and lasting friendships!

To learn more about this position and apply, click [HERE](#)



SUB-CLUBS



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Something for Everyone!

Have you been searching for a way to connect and make new friends while doing something you really enjoy? That's what our sub-clubs are all about!

We are excited to offer the following sub-clubs for the 25-26 year:

- Beer, Wine & Spirits Club
- Book Club
- Cooking Club
- Crafting Club
- Fit & Fabulous Club
- Game Club
- Munch Bunch
- Music Club
- Outdoor Pursuits Club
- Toddler Club

As members, you have unlimited access to ALL of our sub-club events. If you have not already, be sure to join the groups facebook pages to see what they have planned!

To learn more about our sub-clubs, click [HERE](#).



NOVEMBER EVENTS

11/1 - BWS & CRAFT CLUB COLLAB.

11/7 - BOOK CLUB

11/8 - TODDLER CLUB

11/12 - GAME CLUB

11/14 - MUNCH BUNCH & COOKING CLUB COLLAB.

11/22 - MUSIC CLUB

11/26 - FIT & FAB CLUB

FRIDAYS - WEEKLY WALKS W/ OUTDOOR PURSUITS



FIND YOUR FUN IN NOVEMBER

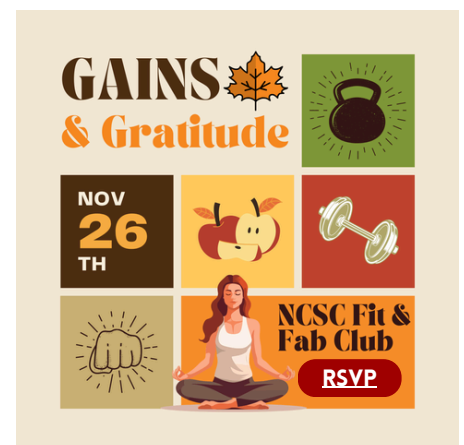
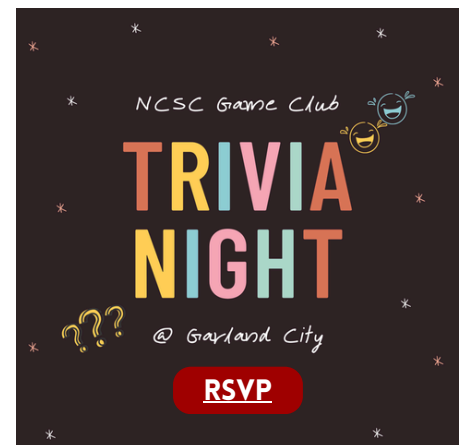
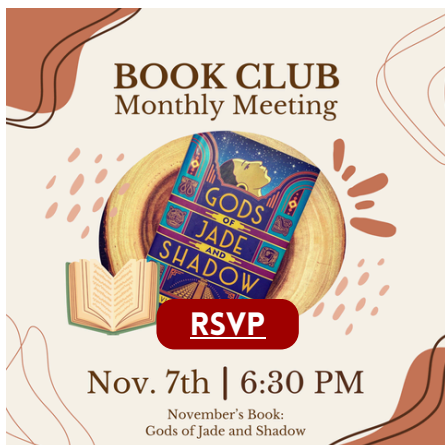
Together Through Every Season

While our North Country Gala has been postponed, the spirit of connection and community continues! November is full of opportunities to gather, laugh, and make memories through our amazing Sub-Clubs — and most events are free or low-cost to attend.

These monthly get-togethers are one of the best perks of NCSC membership, offering fun ways to engage with friends, meet new people, and stay busy during the long North Country winter months. From creative crafts to cozy dinners and friendly games, there's something for everyone.

So grab your calendar, check out what's happening below, and join in the fun — we can't wait to see you at our November Sub-Club events! ❄️🌟

ALL SUB-CLUBS



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CHARITABLE GIVING

NCSC is proud to give back to our community!

Each month, the club collaborates with a local organization to collect items in need. We value our relationships with our community partners. If you are a local non-profit organization interested in receiving assistance from the NCSC, please email: NCSCcommunityoutreach@gmail.com

LOCAL BUSINESSES

We are looking for NCSC members or local community members with small businesses to showcase at our Monthly Socials. In order to be highlighted at a NCSC social, we ask that you provide an opportunity prize valued at \$25 or more.

With this contribution, we will have a brief pitch for your business, as well as where to find you locally and online. If interested, click [HERE](#) to apply.



ODYD

Operation: Deploy Your Dress

Do you have a ball or other formal event coming up? We can help!

ODYD is a non-profit that provides FREE formal wear to military ID card holders. If you need a dress or are interested in volunteering or donating, please email:

odydNCSCrep@gmail.com

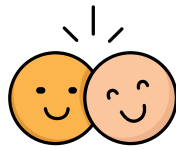
or check out their [Facebook Page HERE](#).



SEASON OF GIVING

THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO: HOW WE GIVE BACK

Celebrating the Season of Thanks and Giving



November is a time to reflect on what we're grateful for — and here at the North Country Spouses' Club, our hearts are full. ❤️

This month, as we celebrate the **Season of Giving**, we're taking a moment to shine a spotlight on the very heart of our mission: **giving back to our community**.

All year long, our members pour their time, creativity, and energy into fundraising and volunteer efforts that make a real difference. Through fun and meaningful events like **Flock the Yard**, our **North Country Gala**, and special pop-ups such as **Chipotle Night**, we raise money to support our Scholarships and Grants Program.

Each spring, those efforts come full circle at our **Scholarships & Grants Ceremony**, where we have the incredible honor of presenting funds to **military dependents** and **local nonprofit organizations**. Last year alone, thanks to the generosity and involvement of our members and supporters, we proudly gave back \$17,000 to our North Country community! 🎉

But our giving doesn't stop there. Throughout the year, we also:

- ❤️ Partner with **small and local businesses** to strengthen community ties.
- 👉 Collect donations for our monthly **Community Outreach Partner** at each social event.
- 🌟 **Volunteer our time and talents** to lift up others — one act of kindness at a time for garrison and community initiatives such as supporting the community information exchange, hosting a water station at the sackets harbor marathon, and most recently, working with the Central Food Bank of New York to distribute 450 boxes of food and fresh produce to fort drum affiliated soldiers and civilians.

This is what makes the North Country Spouses' Club **so special** — a group of people coming together to celebrate, serve, and support the place we call home.

As we enter this season of gratitude, we're reminded that every dollar raised, every event hosted, and every volunteer hour shared helps make our mission possible. **Together, we're creating a community rooted in generosity, connection, and purpose.**

❤️ *Thank you for being part of our story of giving — today and all year long.*



FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS



Together Through Uncertain Times

Due to the ongoing government shutdown, we've made the difficult decision to postpone our North Country Gala at this time. We hope to bring this special fundraising event to you in the new year—stay tuned for updates! In the meantime, you can continue to support our mission by participating in Flock the Yard—flocks are active until the first snow! 🦩❄️

GET FLOCKING!

SAVE THE DATE

Sweet Social Ahead! 🍪

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, **December 16th from 12–2 PM**—it's our Great Cookie Drop-In! Pop by for a cozy afternoon of laughter, cookies, and conversation. Bring your favorite treats to share and stay as little or as long as you like! 🍪🎁



RESOURCES



Fort Drum Thrift Shop

BLESSING BOX

FOOD PANTRY

Serving the Fort Drum community directly.

OPEN FIRST SATURDAY

Each Month

9:30-1:45

PLEASE FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Located on Fourth Street M behind the Ontario Ave Gas Station & Shoppette / Arby's

FORT DRUM THRIFT SHOP FALL HOURS

Tuesday 9:30-2
Wednesday 9:30-4
Thursday 9:30-2
First Saturday 9:30-2

Fort Drum Thrift Shop

Fourth Street M behind the Ontario Ave Gas Station & Shoppette / Arby's

WINTER COAT DISTRIBUTION EVENT

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1, 9:30-1:45

RECEIVE A FREE COAT FOR EVERY DEPENDENT THAT IS PRESENT WITH YOUR VALID MILITARY OR DEPENDENT ID.

PICK OUT COATS AT THE BACK OF THE THRIFT SHOP.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION
315-782-4900 EXT 221

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

SERVING RURAL JEFFERSON COUNTY

PRE-PACKAGED FOOD BAGS AVAILABLE

REGISTER ON SITE TO CUSTOMIZE ORDER FOR NEXT MONTH!

3RD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

LERAY CROSSING, 26908 INDEPENDENCE WAY, EVANS MILLS

12PM-2PM

SERVING FT. DRUM AND SURROUNDING AREA

HOUSEHOLDS 200% OR BELOW FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL

SERVING RURAL JEFFERSON COUNTY

Fort Drum BOSS

Home for the Holidays

Enjoy a FREE Thanksgiving meal with us!

Bar will be open and beverages will be available for purchase.
Catch a live football game on the big screen while you dine!

Thursday, November 27 • 1 PM - 4 PM
The Peak, 4350 Euphrates River Valley Road

Active Duty Service Members and DoD cardholders of all ages are welcome.
For more information, call 315-772-7864.

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SHARE THE WARMTH



SHARE THE WARMTH – HELP US GROW OUR COMMUNITY!

The leaves are falling, the air is crisp, and that can only mean one thing—**winter is on its way!** As we settle into the cozier months ahead, there's never been a more important time to come together and share the **spirit of community** that makes the **North Country Spouses' Club** so special.

You already know what makes NCSC shine—the **laughter at our monthly socials**, the **friendships formed through sub-clubs**, and the **joy of giving back together**. Now, we invite you to help us spread that same warmth to others.

🍂 Know someone new to Fort Drum?

Maybe a neighbor, coworker, or friend who's looking to get connected—**share your experience** and encourage them to join! Sometimes all it takes is a friendly invite to make someone feel at home.

We also understand that not everyone's circumstances are the same, and we never want finances to stand in the way of friendship and belonging. **Membership sponsorships are available**, and it's easy to apply using the link below. Anyone interested can also reach out to us directly with questions—we're here to help.

Together, let's keep growing this incredible community of support, kindness, and connection. Because here at NCSC, **no one weathers the North Country winter alone.** ❤️

👉 Invite someone to join today and help us inspire the spirit of community all season long!

[**JOIN NOW!**](#)



OCTOBER RECAP

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER

Alissa Meshesha - 2nd Vice President



As the creative force behind our Monthly Socials, Alissa has taken this role to new heights. The 2nd VP position is truly one for those with an eye for detail and a heart for people — and Alissa embodies both! She has infused every social with imagination, inclusivity, and pure fun, transforming each gathering into a memorable experience for all.

Most recently, Alissa wowed us with her Haunted Scavenger Hunt across Fort Drum — a masterpiece of creativity! From the strategically paired teams, to the clever clues, to the spooky lore woven throughout, every element reflected her thoughtful planning and welcoming spirit.

Thank you, Alissa, for making every event welcoming, memorable, and full of joy. We're so lucky to have your vision, creativity, and warmth on our team!

RECAP



What a month! Our Board Color Party was the perfect mix of creativity and connection, helping our board team build and bond in bright, colorful style. 🌈 Then came our Harvest Hunt October Social — a spooktacular night of fun, laughter, and a little friendly competition! 🎃🌟

From sub-club adventures to social memories, October was packed with community and connection. Here's to another amazing month in the books — and even more togetherness ahead in November! 🍂💛

Stay in Touch!

