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The North Country Spouses' Club Monthly E-Newsletter

Welcome Aboard!

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On behalf of the entire North Country Spouses Club board, we are so glad you're here! Whether you've just arrived in our community or have been around for a while, our club is all about connection, support, and of course, fun! This is a place where you can build your village, seek advice, swap tips, explore the area, and find friends who truly understand the unique journey of military life in the North Country.

Our board worked tirelessly over the summer planning for the year ahead, and it will truly be a special one. Our goals for the year include, strengthening our relationships outside of the gates of Fort Drum by becoming more involved in our local community, having a larger presence on post, and continuing to raise money that will directly impact the Fort Drum community in the form of Spouse scholarships and community organization grants.

I want to take a moment to thank our board for all that they've done to prepare for this year- we truly have an amazing team of Spouses who share their talents selflessly. While summer is traditionally a time of behind the scenes planning, in addition to that, our team hosted a beautiful welcome and farewell, set up info tables at local events, ran Operation Deploy Your Dress, and of course, pulled off a truly spectacular Open House. This is an inspiring group, and it is an honor to be part of this team.

From casual meetups with our subclubs, to our monthly socials, to special events like the North Country Gala, there's always something happening, and we can't wait to see you there! So jump in, say hello, and make yourself at home. You belong here.

- Alyssa Faughman



OUR MISSION

Inspiring a Spirit of Community.

At the **North Country Spouses' Club**, our mission is to inspire a spirit of community at Fort Drum by offering meaningful opportunities to connect, grow, and give back. We do this by:

- **Creating opportunities to meet new friends** and build community through monthly socials, a variety of sub-club meet-ups for every interest, and other fun events.
- **Fostering service through community projects** that make a lasting impact on Fort Drum and the North Country.
- **Providing scholarships and community grants** that support military families and strengthen local organizations.

Whether you are **new to Fort Drum** or have been here for years, we cannot wait to welcome you into the NCSC family. Here, you'll find friendship, purpose, and plenty of ways to make lasting memories while making a difference.



ABOUT US

Find your community.

The North Country Spouses' Club (NCSC) exists to bring spouses together and foster meaningful connections within the Fort Drum community. Through a variety of social events, sub-clubs, and volunteer opportunities, we provide ways for members to meet new friends, get involved, and feel truly at home during their time here.

Our organization takes pride in our diverse membership — spouses of all ranks and genders — who dedicate countless hours of service to supporting Fort Drum and the greater North Country community. Together, we honor the traditions of the Army while also embracing its vision for tomorrow.

At the heart of NCSC is our Board of Volunteers, a team of dedicated spouses who work hard to guide our programs, plan events, and ensure every member feels welcome. We're here to help you find your people, discover your purpose, and create lasting memories throughout your Fort Drum journey.

GET INVOLVED

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Get Involved, Give Back

Are you looking for a way to get more involved and give back to your community? We have many different ways for you to do so!

Throughout the year, NCSC offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities — big and small — so you can choose what works best for your interests and schedule. From lending a hand at socials, to supporting our sub-clubs, to helping behind the scenes, there's something for everyone.

👉 Keep checking our website and following our social pages for the latest opportunities.

👉 Or, email us to be added to our volunteer contact list so you'll always be the first to know how you can jump in and make a difference!

Your time and talents make a huge impact — thank you for helping us stay #AnchoredInCommunity ❤️



SUB-CLUBS

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 26-27 year:

- Beer, Wine & Spirits Club
- Book Club
- Crafting Club
- Music Club
- Outdoor Pursuits Club
- Toddler Club

Each sub-club meets on their own schedule, making it easy to get involved in a way that fits your lifestyle.

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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

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

This month we are partnering with the Fort Drum Blessing Box Food Pantry

The Fort Drum Thrift Shop is home to the Blessing Box Food Pantry. Their mission is to strengthen the Fort Drum community by ensuring Soldiers and Families have access to the food and household essentials they need.



They are currently in need of the following donations:

- Non-perishable food items
- Shelf stable proteins
- Quick meals
- Household supplies
- Urgent need for hygiene products:
 - Shampoo + body wash
 - Toothpaste + toothbrushes
 - Razors
 - Deodorant
 - Handsoap

Please consider donating if you can. You can bring donations to the September Social. You will receive a **FREE opportunity ticket** for your donation.



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](#).





Giving back is the heartbeat of our organization.

This year, NCSC will be collecting returnable cans and bottles at our socials throughout the season. Every donation **directly supports our mission**, helping us give back to military families and our local communities. Here's how:

1. **Collect your returnable cans and bottles** - Look for the NY 5¢ deposit marking on eligible beverage containers.
2. **Keep them clean and intact** - There's no need to remove labels, but containers should be empty and not crushed or damaged.
3. **Bring your returnables to an NCSC Social** - Drop your items in the designated bin, and we'll take care of the rest.

Heading to the Sacket's Harbor Marathon?

NCSC will be hosting a water station at the **halfway point of the full marathon!** We'll be there to keep runners hydrated, bring the energy, and cheer them on as they tackle the second half of their race!

Last year, we took home the **Grand Prize for Best Water Station** - can we do it again? We'll see you at the finish line!

A special **thank you** to longtime NCSC member Shelly Matthews for organizing this amazing event and helping make it all possible!



FUNDRAISER – SAVE THE DATE!



Our biggest fundraiser of the year is just around the corner!

Mark your calendars now for our second annual North Country Gala on Saturday, April 3rd, 2027. Enjoy Dinner and both Live and Silent Auctions to raise money for our Scholarships and Grants program.

Fundraising Committee Meeting
September 28th at 6 PM

Are you interested on being on our
Fundraising Committee?

Email Elena at NCSCfirstvp@gmail.com

SUMMER RECAP

AUGUST VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

We are proud to recognize Nicole Anupol, our Treasurer, as August's Volunteer of the Month.



While the summer may be the club's off season, our board is staying busy preparing for the upcoming year. Nicole was elected to her position in May and hit the ground running with major money moves and summer event planning and execution. Nicole played an essential role in submitting documentation to pass NCSC's audit for revalidation with the MWR. She's crunched the numbers and done the math to create the yearly budget, communicating with each board member to ensure proper allocation. Nicole isn't just keep track of the money, she's also saving money. She's moved the club from an old platform to a new, more cost efficient point of sales system.

NICOLE ANUPOL

Treasurer

Thank you Nicole for your hard work and dedication to ensure a smooth start to our year. Her actions this summer have shown a dedication to the club's success as well as member wellbeing, and this is just the beginning!



☀️🚢 NCSC Summer Recap 🚢☀️

What a summer it's been for NCSC! From joining local events like The Grange and National Night Out to hosting our Welcome and Farewell Celebrations, we've enjoyed every opportunity to connect with our community.

And just like that, we've sailed into a new season with our Open House! It was wonderful meeting so many new spouses, reconnecting with familiar faces, and kicking off another year of friendship, fun, and connection.

This summer was filled with laughter, and so many memorable moments — and we're only getting started! 💙

Help us spread the word by inviting your friends and neighbors to join us.

Here's to making this season one to remember!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

SEP 6TH - SACKETS HARBOR MARATHON WATER STATION
 SEP 9TH - CRAFTING CLUB: FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS
 SEP 12TH - OUTDOOR PURSUITS: MEET & GREET
 SEP 16TH - TODDLER CLUB: STORY TIME & MARKET
 SEP 18TH - BEER, WINE & SPIRITS: MEET & GREET
 SEP 19TH - TODDLER CLUB: ZOO TRIP
 SEP 23RD - *FIRST SOCIAL* FAVORITE THINGS TEA
 SEP 25TH - BOOK CLUB MEETING
 SEP 26TH - MUSIC CLUB: NASHVILLE NIGHT
 SEP 27TH - OUTDOOR PURSUITS: TAUGHANNOCK FALLS HIKE
 SEP 28TH - FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING



OUTDOOR PURSUITS
 HOSTS AN OUTDOOR
 WALK EVERY FRIDAY AT
 9:30 AM STARTING
 SEPTEMBER 18TH!

BE SURE TO JOIN EACH SUB CLUBS FACEBOOK GROUP FOR
 MORE EVENT INFORMATION AND TO RSVP!

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR NORTH COUNTRY SPOUSES' CLUB

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH | 4-8PM
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 OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

MONTHLY SOCIALS!

SEPTEMBER



Join us for our NCSC September Social!

Favorite Things Tea

Wednesday, September 23rd from 11:00-1:00pm at The Peak

Join us for lunch and a favorite things gift swap!
 Bring three of your favorite thing, all the same,
 wrapped, with a value of \$8 or less each.
 You'll go home with three gifts!

TICKETS

Join us on September 23rd from 11-1pm for an afternoon of tea,
 laughter, and connection! Enjoy delicious treats, mingle with
 both new and familiar friends, and go home with some great gifts!

OCTOBER



NORTH COUNTRY
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FORT DRUM Scavenger Hunt

October 21ST | 6-8:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE!

Race across Fort Drum to check off as many locations as possible
 before time runs out! Grab your friends, form a team, and get
 ready for an adventure filled with fun, friendly competition, and
 a little Fort Drum pride!

Show your NCSC Spirit with our Merch - Shop link closes today, September 1st!

[SHOP](#)



ARE YOU A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER?

This section is for YOU!

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.

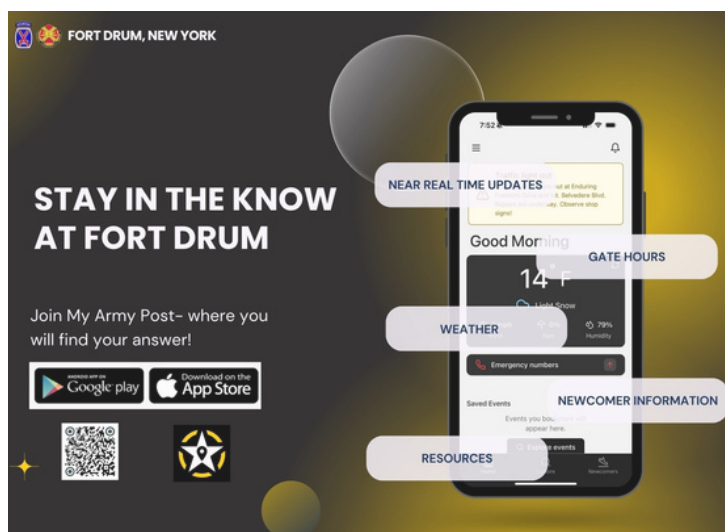
With this contribution, we will have a brief pitch for your business, as well as where to find you locally and online. If interested, please use the button to the left to apply.

[APPLY](#)

STAY CONNECTED

Last year, Fort Drum launched the My Army Post App (MAPA), which connects Soldiers and Families with a variety of installation resources ranging from current weather conditions, post-wide alert messages, emergency contact numbers, the hours and locations of facilities, and events happening on post.

NCSC is proud to support this effort and encourages our members to download the app and take advantage of this valuable resource. Together, we can help make it easier for our community to stay informed, connected, and involved in the Fort Drum community.



Stay in Touch!

