

NORTH COUNTRY

# SPOUSES'

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# Club

## NORTH COUNTRY CHRONICLES

*The North Country Spouses' Club Monthly E-Newsletter*

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### *From the President -*

As we wrap up another incredible year, I am filled with gratitude for this community. Serving as your President has been a true honor, and I am so proud of all we've accomplished together. From fun events to meaningful connections, this year truly captured what makes our club so special.

We welcomed 200 new members, hosted unforgettable events—including our first annual North Country Gala—and made a real impact by raising \$15,000 to support local charities and military spouses pursuing their goals. None of this would have been possible without our amazing Board, dedicated volunteers, and the energy of our members. Thank you to everyone who selflessly devoted their time to organizing, planning, and supporting our endeavors. The Fort Drum community is truly a better place because of our volunteers!

As we look ahead, I am confident that our club will continue to thrive in the coming year, I wish you all a wonderful summer. To those that are leaving, I hope you take wonderful memories of our club with you. You will be missed! If you're staying, I truly hope you'll join us again next year. There's always a place for you in NCSC!

*- Alyssa Faughnan*



MEET OUR BOARD

## ABOUT US

*Inspiring a Spirit of Community.*

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 its 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!

## YOUR NEW BOARD!

Congratulations to our newly elected  
2026-2027 Executive Board

From left to right:

Rachel Klahs - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Elena Comiskey - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Morgan Sims - Secretary  
Rachel McBride - Publicity  
Nicole Anupol - Treasurer  
Patti Agard - Parliamentarian  
Alyssa Faughnan - President



*Applications for Appointed Board will remain open through May but will fill up fast! If you're looking to get involved, [apply today!](#)*

If you have any questions, please email: [ParliamentarianNCSC@gmail.com](mailto:ParliamentarianNCSC@gmail.com)

SUB-CLUBS



## 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
- Cooking Club
- Crafting 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](#).

## WE NEED LEADERS!

### *Want to share your passion with other spouses?*

Some of our Sub-Club leaders are PCSing this summer and are looking to pass the baton to another spouse with a passion to lead one of these fun groups!

**Munch Bunch, Cooking Club, and Game Club** are all available.

If you're interested, please reach out to our social chair directly [HERE](#).

This is a great way to give back and make more friends!





## NCSC MAY SUB-CLUB EVENTS

5/2 - **BWS Clayton Bar Crawl** starting at 5:00pm

5/6 - **GAME CLUB Trivia** at Garland City 6:00pm

5/12 - **CRAFT CLUB** Decorating Planters 6:00pm

5/15- **MUNCH BUNCH** Woodboat Brewery 12:00pm

5/15 - **BOOK CLUB** Sharks in the Time of Saviors 6:30pm

5/18 - **TODDLER CLUB** Old McDonald's Farm 11:00am

5/20 - **OUTDOOR PURSUITS** Westcott Beach 11:00am

5/22 - **COOKING CLUB** Rhicard Hills 6:00pm

5/23 - **TODDLER CLUB** Potluck Lunch 12:00pm



**Click the button for the Facebook Group for each Sub-Club.**

There you will find more details and RSVP options.

Hope to see you all there!!

**SUB-CLUBS**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**





Presents:

# Military Spouse APPRECIATION DAY!

MAY 8TH 0830-1400

*Join ACS for a special day dedicated to celebrating, supporting, and empowering our incredible military spouses.*

Fort Drum Family Resource Center  
11042 Mt Belvedere Blvd, Fort Drum, NY

Operation Deploy Your Dress will be at this event! Hope to see you all there!!



## Derby Party

May 19th | 12pm-2pm | Leray Mansion

This month's social is Kentucky Derby!! You don't want to miss this one!

*This is our last social before we break for the summer.*

RSVP

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



## THIS MONTH'S

### Community Outreach Partner

For the month of May NCSC is partnering with  
**Victims Assistance Center**  
of Jefferson County

They are in need of hygiene items! Travel or Full size deodorant, tooth brushes, tooth paste, mouth wash, lotion, kids hygiene as well. Members who bring in donations to the monthly social will also receive an opportunity ticket.

If you will not be attending the social, you can reach out to our Community Outreach Representative, Stefanie Brady, to arrange a pick up! Her email is:

[NCSCcommunityoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:NCSCcommunityoutreach@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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.

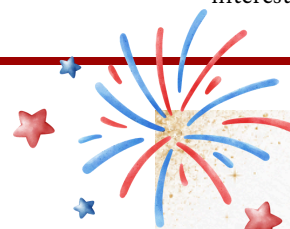
## ODYD

### 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.

**Volunteer your time!** Any amount of time helps. Click [HERE](#) for the Volunteer Interest Form.

If you need a dress or are interested in donating, please email: [odydNCSCrep@gmail.com](mailto:odydNCSCrep@gmail.com) or check out their [Facebook Page](#).



**ODYD**  
OPERATION DEPLOY YOUR DRESS

is looking for  
*Volunteers*

TO JOIN OUR COMMITTEE!

Sign up using the Sign Up Genius linked below.



**SIGN UP!**

**LOOKING AHEAD!**



**COME BE A PART OF SOMETHING...**

*Bigger!*

**INSPIRING A SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY.**

Everything from our socials and sub-clubs to our scholarships and grants is made possible by our amazing board of volunteers.

If you are new to Fort Drum or just ready to get more involved, please help us continue our mission to have a positive impact on our community by volunteering as an active member of our board. There are many positions for every interest and talent.

**FIND OUT MORE**

Click the button above to learn more. If you have questions please email [ParliamentarianNCSC@gmail.com](mailto:ParliamentarianNCSC@gmail.com)

**BOARD POSITIONS**



# Join the Team!



## 2026-2027 APPOINTED BOARD POSITIONS

APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTED BOARD ARE OPEN!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
DONATIONS COORDINATOR  
HISTORIAN  
HOSPITALITY  
MEMBERSHIP  
ODYD

PROPERTY MANAGER  
RESERVATIONS  
RETIREE REPRESENTATIVE  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
SOCIAL  
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



[LEARN MORE](#)

[APPLY TODAY](#)

Appointed Board applications will remain open through May.  
*These positions get appointed by the President.*



[APRIL RECAP](#)



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## APRIL VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

### Lindsey Wencil - Scholarship Chair

We are proud to recognize Lindsey Wencil, our Scholarship Chair, as April's Volunteer of the Month.

Lindsey has dedicated countless hours to leading this year's scholarship program—from thoughtfully reviewing and refining applications to working closely with the committee to select our deserving recipients. She also played an integral role in organizing a beautiful and meaningful Scholarship Awards Ceremony, ensuring each recipient was recognized and celebrated.

Through her diligence, organization, and genuine passion for supporting others, Lindsey has made a lasting impact on our military families and local community. Her dedication does not go unnoticed, and she is truly a treasured member of NCSC.



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## APRIL VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

### Stefanie Brady - Parliamentarian

We are proud to recognize Stefanie Brady, our Parliamentarian, as our second Volunteer of the Month for April.

Throughout the year, Stefanie has been a thoughtful and knowledgeable sounding board for the Club, offering guidance, clarity, and support to ensure we stay aligned and operating with purpose. Her dedication truly shined in April as she successfully led our election process for the 2026–2027 Executive Board, ensuring everything was conducted smoothly and with integrity.

Stefanie's steady leadership and commitment behind the scenes have made a meaningful impact, and we are so grateful to have her as a valued member of NCSC.



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## MAY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

### Shelly Matthews - Retiree Representative

We are proud to recognize Shelly Matthews, our Retiree Representative, as May's Volunteer of the Month.

Shelly is a true staple in the NCSC community—well known for her delicious cupcakes—but her impact goes far beyond the kitchen. She is one of our biggest cheerleaders out in the community, always seeking opportunities to build meaningful partnerships and strengthen connections between NCSC and the surrounding area. Her support, enthusiasm, and willingness to show up never go unnoticed.

Whether she's catering an event with her incredible food and desserts or proudly wearing her NCSC spirit swag with a smile, Shelly brings warmth, energy, and heart to everything she does. We are so lucky to have her as part of our NCSC family.



# VOLUNTEERS OF THE QUARTER

## Allie Skeens - Historian and Kayla Geblein - Blue Star Families Liaison

We are proud to recognize Allie Skeens, Historian, and Kayla Geblein, Blue Star Families Liaison, as our Volunteers of the Quarter.

Both of these outstanding women joined NCSC this year and immediately jumped in headfirst, eager to contribute and make a difference. Allie has brought her love of capturing moments to life as our resident photographer, preserving the memories that define our season. Her warm smile, infectious laugh, and welcoming southern charm make everyone feel right at home. Kayla, with her passion for connecting military spouses, has embraced her role by building meaningful relationships through Blue Star Families, helping others feel supported and part of the community. Her kindness and welcoming spirit make her a natural in this role.

Together, they both stepped up in a big way during our transition to the USO building and continue to go above and beyond their roles to support the Club. We are so grateful for their dedication, energy, and heart—they truly embody the spirit of NCSC.



*Allie Skeens*  
**Historian**



*Kayla Geblein*  
**BSF Liaison**

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## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

*Whitney McClure*

### Community Outreach

It is our honor to recognize Whitney McClure as one of our Volunteers of the Year for her outstanding dedication and service to the North Country Spouses Club and the Fort Drum community.

Whitney has been a driving force behind so much of what we've accomplished this year. From the very beginning, she stepped up in a big way—playing a key role in our transition from the airfield to our new home at the USO. Her willingness to jump in, take on the heavy lifting, and do whatever was needed helped ensure a smooth and successful move for the Club. Time and time again, Whitney has shown that no task is too big or too small when it comes to supporting NCSC.

Her impact continued to shine during our largest events, including the North Country Gala, where she lent her time and energy across multiple areas to help bring everything together. Behind the scenes, Whitney has also been instrumental in supporting our long-term growth. She has contributed to community outreach initiatives and played an important role in assisting with the detailed work of grant applications and awards—efforts that directly strengthen our ability to give back and serve others.

Whitney is the kind of volunteer every organization hopes for. Whether she's signing up to help at a busy pop-up event, stepping in where extra hands are needed, or building meaningful connections within the greater Fort Drum community, she consistently goes above and beyond. Her positive attitude, reliability, and genuine commitment to our mission are felt in everything she does.

We are incredibly grateful for Whitney's dedication, heart, and willingness to serve. Her contributions have made a lasting impact on our Club, and this year simply would not have been the same without her. We are proud to honor her as one of our Volunteers of the Year.



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# VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

*Patti Agard*

**Treasurer**

It is our honor to recognize Patti Agard as Fort Drum’s Volunteer of the Year for her extraordinary service to the North Country Spouses Club and the greater Fort Drum community.

As our Treasurer, Patti is truly the “Guardian of the Treasure.” She manages the Club’s finances with exceptional precision and integrity, ensuring every dollar is thoughtfully tracked and our budget remains organized and transparent. Her intelligence, attention to detail, and strong business acumen provide a steady foundation that allows our programs and events to thrive. When the need for more in-depth accounting arose, Patti stepped up without hesitation—bringing clarity, confidence, and structure when it mattered most.



Patti’s impact extends far beyond her role. She has been instrumental in supporting the Club’s transition to a new physical location, stepping in wherever needed to ensure a seamless move. She regularly volunteers with Operation Deploy Your Dress, leads the Outdoor Pursuits Sub-Club—creating opportunities for connection and adventure—and serves on the Fundraising Committee to help strengthen our mission and community impact.

Her commitment to service continues outside of NCSC. Patti serves as the Publicity Chairperson for the Fort Drum Thrift Shop and volunteers at the food pantry, demonstrating her unwavering dedication to supporting military families across the community.

Beyond her “official” roles, Patti is the heart behind so many of the moments that bring us together. She is the planner behind baby showers, the organizer of celebrations, and the first to rally support when someone needs a meal train or a helping hand. Patti has a rare gift for bringing people together with warmth, thoughtfulness, and grace.

Her leadership, generosity, and selfless spirit leave a lasting impact on everyone she meets. Patti truly embodies what it means to serve others, and we are proud to honor her as our Volunteer of the Year.



# We will be back!



## KEEP FOLLOWING US ON SOCIALS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER!

This isn't good-bye, it's just a break for the summer. Keep up with updates on Facebook & Instagram.



## OPEN HOUSE AUGUST 2026

Keep an eye out for our 2026-2027 Open House that will take place in August! Don't forget to tell your neighbors and friends who are NEW to Fort Drum about us!

*We cannot wait to see you all in the fall!*



### Stay in Touch!

