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The North Country Spouses' Club Monthly E-Newsletter

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From the President -

Hello Friends,
What an exciting season to be part of the North Country Spouses' Club! The energy and connection within our community continue to remind me why this club is so special. Thank you for showing up, getting involved, and supporting one another.

Our Annual Fundraiser Gala is just around the corner on March 14th—we can't wait to celebrate, connect, and support the programs that make our mission possible. Be sure to check the Gala section below for all the details and get your tickets **TODAY!!**

Scholarship applications are now open, and we are proud to continue supporting spouses as they pursue education and career goals. More information can be found in the Scholarship section of this newsletter.

We are also beginning to look ahead to the future of our club and are welcoming members interested in Board service and leadership opportunities. If you'd like to learn more, be sure to check out the Bowling with the Board section.

This club thrives because of you. Let's keep the momentum going and make this an incredible month together. Hope to see you at the Gala! *- Alyssa Faughnan*

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NORTH COUNTRY spouses' club

FORT DRUM, NY

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 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!

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Volunteer Opportunities

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!

Join the Board We are beginning to recruit members to serve on the 2026-2027 Executive Board. If you're interested in learning more, check out our website or reach out by email to *parliamentarianncsc@gmail.com*

You can also help out as a Sub-Club leader. We are looking for our 2026-2027 sub-club leads. If you would like more information or have any questions please talk to our Social Chair! *NCSCsocialchair@gmail.com*

If you are interested in volunteering but don't want quite as much of a time commitment, let us know! We are always in need of volunteers big and small.

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

CLICK TO APPLY!

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Applications are NOW OPEN!!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL IS MARCH 15TH

The North Country Spouses' Club is a non-profit organization that commits fundraising efforts towards raising money for our scholarships and grants program.

Our scholarship program provides funding for Fort Drum military spouses who are accepted into or attending an accredited college (to include four-year colleges/universities, two-year colleges, and community colleges), accredited trade school, accredited technical school, Police Academy, Fire Academy, or EMS/Ambulance Academy.

The NCSC grants program has distributed monies annually to various local non-profit organizations surrounding the Fort Drum community.

Click the link above for full eligibility requirements.

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
- 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.

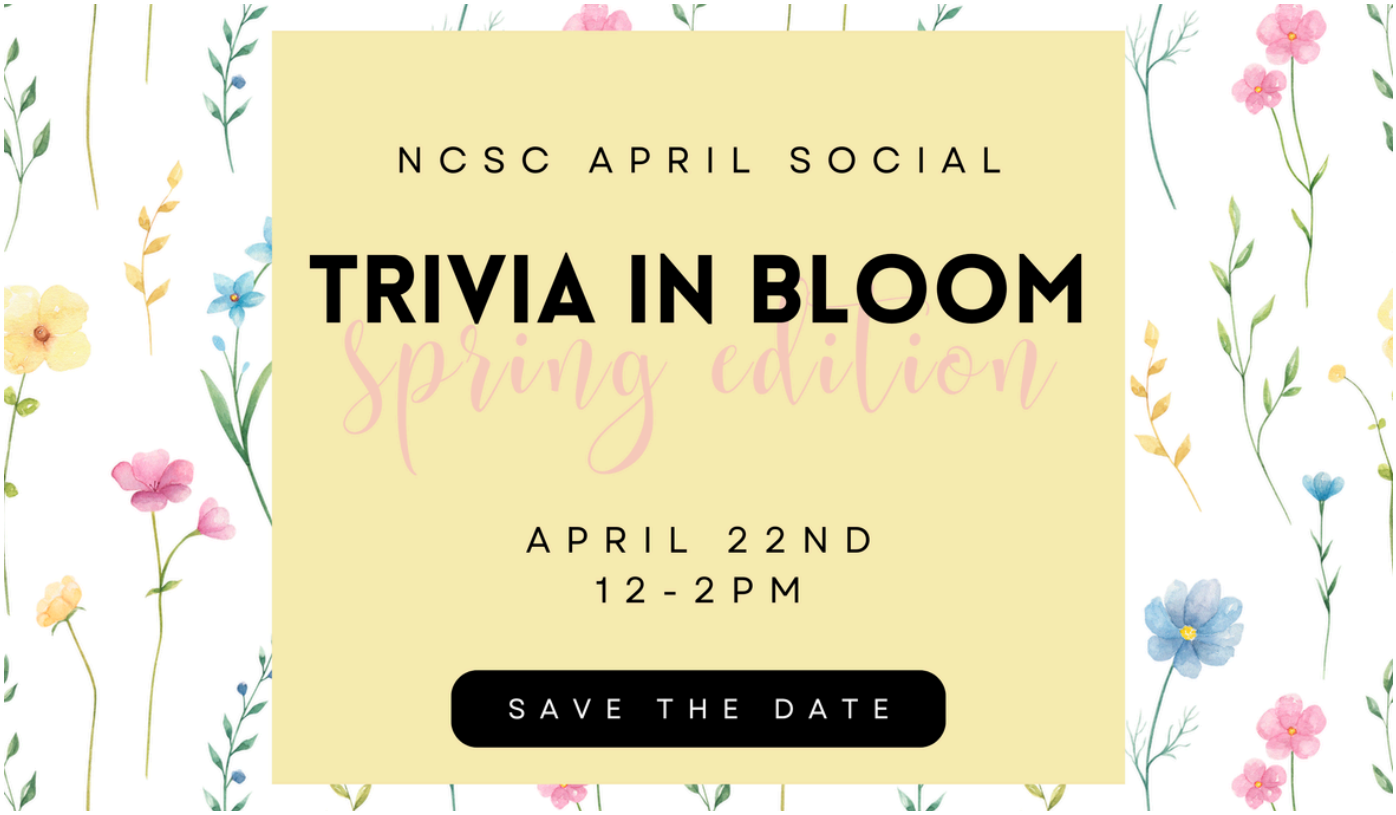
NC MARCH SUB-CLUB EVENTS

MARCH 4TH - CRAFT CLUB
MARCH 20TH - MUSIC CLUB
MARCH 21ST - TODDLER CLUB
MARCH 27TH - COOKING CLUB (AM)
MARCH 27TH - BOOK CLUB (PM)
MARCH 29TH - GAME CLUB

FRIDAY WEEKLY WALKS WITH OUTDOOR PURSUITS

UPCOMING EVENTS

LAST DAY TO GET YOUR TICKETS! Grab your spouse or a friend and join us for a fabulous evening of dinner, drinks, fun and both a live and silent auction to raise money for our Scholarships & Grants program.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

THIS MONTH'S

Community Outreach Partner

For the month of March NCSC is partnering with **Children's Home of Jefferson County**.
CHJC is deeply committed to supporting our community. They provide a comprehensive range of services, including Coordinated Services, Foster Care, and a Mental Health Clinic. CHJC offers compassionate care and dedicated support.

They are looking for donations of **travel size** hygiene products: deodorant, lotion, sunscreen, shampoo & conditioner, hair ties, bars of soap, face wash, wipes, etc.

We will be collecting throughout the month. Bring donations to your sub-club meet up or contact Whitney: **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

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

NOW OPEN at it's NEW LOCATION in the USO Building: 10502 S Riva Ridge Loop, Fort Drum

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

You can find ODYD's hours of operation on their Facebook Page linked below. If you need a dress or are interested in volunteering or donating, please email: **odydNCSCrep@gmail.com**
or check out their **Facebook Page HERE**.

LOOKING AHEAD!

ARE YOU NEW TO FORT DRUM?

Join us for a Coffee Connect Event!

Our **NCSC Blue Star Families Liaisons Rachel and Kayla** are excited to welcome you to Fort Drum with Coffee Connect! Whether you're new to the area or just ready to make new connections!

Our next meet up will be on Wednesday, March 18th.

Enjoy **FREE coffee**, a fun activity, and exciting **PRIZES**.

This is open to any military spouse at Fort Drum. You do not need to be an NCSC member, so invite a friend.

JOIN THE BOARD!

Elections are COMING UP for 2026-2027

Applications will be open March 7th-April 4th
Volunteering on the board is a wonderful way to make friends and give back to our military community. Now is a great time to start thinking about whether or not you would like to volunteer more time and what position you could fulfil. Please take a moment to read through the different positions here on our website.
The slate will be announced on April 15th and we will vote at our social on April 22nd.

Check out the next page and stay tuned for more information in the coming months. If you have any questions, please email: **ParliamentarianNCSC@gmail.com**

BOARD POSITIONS

EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS

Learn more about the Executive Board!

Please take a moment to read about the executive board positions. If you are interested in or have any questions about these positions, please reach out to us.We'd be happy to discuss in more detail and answer any questions you have.

Voting to fill these seats will take place in April.

President -

Current Chair: Alyssa Faughnan - Supervisory and figurehead position – ***the voice of the club***. If you like leading and supporting others and being the spokesperson for the club, then this is the position for you!

First Vice President -

Current Chair: Allie Iacovelli - Hands-on and get-'er done position – Fundraising Extraordinaire! If you're organized and a strong communicator, then this is the position for you!

Second Vice President -

Current Chair: Alissa Meshesha - Attentive visionary position – ***plans all of the Monthly Socials.*** If you have an eye for detail and care for others, then this is the position for you!

Treasurer -

Current Chair: Patti Agard - Guardian of the treasure – ***keeps track of money and helps us stay on budget.*** If you're intelligent and have an eye for business or have ever been accused of being too orderly or good with numbers, then this is the position for you!

Parliamentarian -

Current Chair: Stefanie Brady - Governing advisor – ***helps us adhere to our governing documents and advises board members***. If you like to read and follow rules and help others to do the same, then this is the position for you!

Publicity -

Current Chair: Cait Lesco - Influencer – ***connecting others with the NCSC and our mission.*** If you can amass followers and likes or know how to engage others, this is the position for you!

Secretary -

Current Chair: Rachel Klahs - Ye olde scribe – ***the note taker and dispatcher of the club.*** If you are an attentive listener and a clear communicator, then this is the position for you!

SOMETHING BIGGER

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.

Click the button below if you have questions or would like more information.

FIND OUT MORE

FEBRUARY RECAP

VOLUNTEERS OF THE QUARTER

Yornalis (Jodi) Loblack & Mona Alfaro

Yornalis "Jodi" Loblack — As our Reservations Chair and "Ruler of RSVPs," Jodi's behind-the-scenes leadership, event planning support, and help during the storefront move play a vital role in the success of our socials and programs.

Mona Alfaro — Our Property Manager and "Human AirTag," Mona went above and beyond during the storefront move and storage reorganization, dedicating countless hours to hands-on work that keeps our club organized and running smoothly.

We are so grateful for their commitment to NCSC and our Fort Drum community. Congratulations to Jodi and Mona!

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

NCSC Sub-Club Leaders

These incredible women worked tirelessly to host gatherings, plan creative meetups, and provide meaningful opportunities for spouses to connect during the long winter months. Their leadership kept our Club vibrant, welcoming, and FUN all season long.

Their commitment to building friendships and strengthening our community embodies the very spirit of NCSC. Please join us in thanking these outstanding volunteers for keeping us connected all winter long!

Craft Club: **Jenna Ladouceur** & **Mona Alfaro**
Outdoor Pursuits: **Patti Agard** & **Allie Iacovelli**
Munch Bunch: **Morgan Sims** & **Whitney McClure**
Beer, **Wine**, & **Spirits**: **Lindsey Clement Wencl** & **M.A. Scott**
Game Club: **Cait Lesco** & **Rachel Klahs**
Music Club: **Brittany Ferguson** & **Elizabeth Greenwood**
Book Club: **Darien Cain**
Toddler Club: **Sarah Hatchett** & **Allie Potter**
Cooking Club: **Jodi Loblack** & **Alissa Meshesha**

RECAP

February may have been cold, but our calendar—and our community—was anything but! We stayed busy and warm by spending time with friends through our many sub-club gatherings, keeping members connected and entertained all month long.

We also enjoyed a successful ODYD Gala Dress Shopping Event, a great turnout for our Panera Fundraising Night, and a little self-care as our Board got pampered at 2TwentyTwo Beauty Bar. We wrapped up the month in the best way possible—laughing, bowling, and celebrating friendship at our Pal-entine's Pajama Bash at Pine Plains Bowling!

Watch our Facebook page for updates on all of the events. We hope to see you all soon!

Stay in Touch!