

NORTH COUNTRY SPOUSES'

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Club

NORTH COUNTRY CHRONICLES

The North Country Spouses' Club Monthly E-Newsletter

From the President -

A new season is upon us – and with it, countless opportunities to connect, grow, and make memories together. Fall in the North Country is truly something special, and there's no better way to embrace it than alongside friends. The NCSC calendar is brimming with events, and there's always room for *you*.

Our sub-clubs are off to a wonderful start! It's been heartwarming to see members come together to create, read, explore, and strengthen our community. I am deeply grateful to our sub-club leaders for their time, energy, and creativity—and I encourage everyone to join in and experience the joy these gatherings bring.

This season is all about building your village. As we prepare for the colder months, it's the friendships and connections we nurture now that will keep us warm and sustained. Remember, NCSC is here to help you discover new friends, new adventures, and new ways to make this community feel like home.

Wishing you all the warmth and joy this harvest season has to offer.

- Alyssa Faughnan





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!

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MEET OUR BOARD

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!

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.

CURRENT NEEDS:

North Country Gala committee -- help us get the word out to local businesses and collect donations. Contact Allie, our 1st Vice President at: NCSCfirstvp@gmail.com **Our next committee meeting is scheduled for October 13th at 6:30pm**

ODYD - Volunteer time sorting and updating inventory of dresses and opening for shopping hours. Contact Jenna, our ODYD Rep at: odydNCSCrep@gmail.com

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



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](#).

CLUB SC EVENTS

OCT. 3RD - BSF COFFEE CONNECT
 OCT. 4TH - BEER, WINE & SPIRITS
 OCT. 8TH - TODDLER CLUB
 OCT. 10TH - COOKING CLUB
 OCT. 12TH - OUTDOOR PURSUITS
 OCT. 15TH - GAME CLUB
 OCT. 17TH - BOOK CLUB

OCT. 18TH - MEMBER'S NIGHT OUT
 OCT. 21ST - CRAFTING CLUB
 OCT. 22ND - HARVEST HUNT SOCIAL
 OCT. 24TH - MUNCH BUNCH
 OCT. 25TH - TODDLER CLUB
 OCT. 26TH - MUSIC CLUB
 OCT. 30TH - FIT & FABULOUS

****FRIDAYS - WEEKLY WALKS W/ OUTDOOR PURSUITS****

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



OCTOBER 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 Whitney at:

NCSCcommunityoutreach@gmail.com



This month we are partnering with Caring4CatsRescue

Jan Kelley solely runs this on her own with minimal volunteers and support from the community. She always has cats up for adoption through Caring4Cats rescue as well if someone is looking to add a new member to their family.

They are currently in need of the following donations:



Baking Soda
Paper Towels
Wet or Dry Cat Food
Cat Treats

Preferred Brands: Purina, 9 Lives & Friskies



Please consider donating if you can. You can bring donations to the September Social. You will be given 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](#).



FUNDRAISERS

Giving back is the heartbeat of our organization.

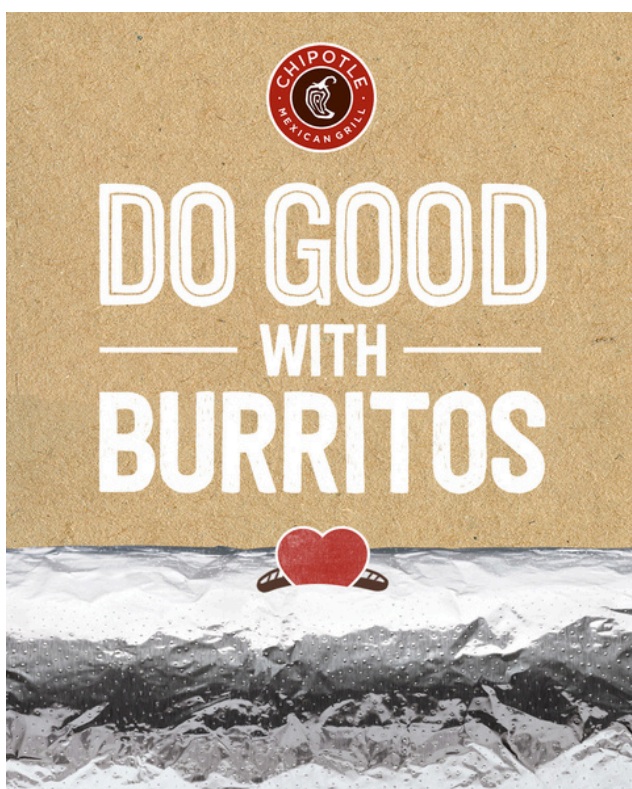
The club conducts various fundraisers throughout the year. These fundraising events go directly to the club's scholarship and grants program.

Our first 2025-2026 fundraiser is **FLOCK THE YARD!**

This has been a fan favorite for several years. **We have several sign options for a variety of celebrations as well as a SPOOKY flock option that comes with Skeletons to elevate your neighbor's fall decor.**

A NCSC member can pay to "flock the yard" of another NCSC member. A flock of plastic flamingos will appear in the yard and remain there for 48 hours before moving to another yard.

For more information, click [HERE](#).



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER!

Mark your calendars now for
Tuesday, October 14th 4-8pm

DINNER IS PLANNED!

You don't have to be an NCSC Member to participate so please help us spread the word and tell all of your friends and neighbors to plan on Chipotle for dinner this night.

25% of the proceeds come back to the club for our Scholarships & Grants program.

You can dine in store and mention NCSC or you can order online for pick up using this code:

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North Country Gala

ANNUAL CHARITY EVENT

NOVEMBER 15, 2025
The Lincoln Loft, Watertown, NY
Live and Silent Auction

SAVE THE DATE!

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

The North Country Gala is open to the public and will be a fun and exciting evening that will include dinner, libations, and both a silent auction and live auction hosted by local personality, Joshua Baughn.

This event is executed through 100% volunteer efforts. The money raised is distributed each spring when we award our scholarships to military dependents and grants to local nonprofit organizations.

Last year, the NCSC awarded \$12,000 in scholarships and community grants!

We need your help!! If you have your own business or know a local business that would like to donate to our live or silent auction, please contact Rachel, our donations chair directly at: NCSCfundraising@gmail.com

This year we are excited to encourage groups to embrace their inner creativity by donating themed baskets! This is just a suggestion. We have volunteers standing by to accept ANY donation and build the baskets for you, so please know that any donation is greatly appreciated!

[DONATE](#)

[TICKETS](#)

If you want to volunteer your time to our North Country Gala committee to help get the word out to local businesses please contact Allie, our 1st Vice President at: NCSCfirstvtp@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



EVENTS

Welcome to the community

Come by to connect with families in your new community or stop in to share your local favorites!

October 3 | 10:00 AM

**Fort Drum Main Exchange - Food Court
10730A Enduring Freedom Dr**

RSVP



COME AND ENJOY THE SCREAM

MEMBERS NIGHT OUT HAUNTED ADVENTURES

OCTOBER 18

**NORTH COUNTRY NIGHTMARES
17940 US-11, WATERTOWN, NY 13601**

7:30 PM | \$21 ADMISSION | MEMBERS ONLY
HAUNTED HAYRIDE, HAUNTED HOUSE AND BLACKOUT MAZE

RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR A FRIGHTFULLY GOOD TIME!

RSVP BY OCT 16TH

OCT SOCIAL NCSC PRESENTS
HARVEST HUNT

**WEDNESDAY FORT DRUM
OCTOBER 22ND 5:30PM- 8:30PM**

Prepare for thrills and chills with our base-wide spooky scavenger hunt! Explore the paranormal history and eerie tales of Fort Drum as you race across post.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS
DINNER
CAMARADERIE
PLENTY OF LAUGHS
TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE
SEPTEMBER 23RD

RSVP BY OCT 15TH

SEPTEMBER RECAP



THANK YOU!!

Mona Alfaro - Custom Wreaths

We would like to give a special shout out to Mona Alfaro for donating a custom wreath as an Opportunity Prize for our September Social. You can find Mona on Facebook and see all of her beautiful custom wreaths!

Did you know?

We can feature your business below with a donation of a Opportunity Prize. See more info below.

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](#)



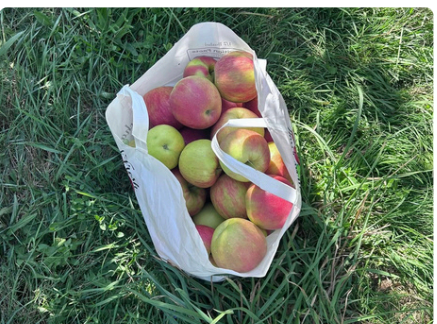
VOM - SEPTEMBER

Jenna Ladouceur - ODYD Rep

If ODYD had a Fairy Godmother, her name would be Jenna Ladouceur — and lucky for us, she is our very own magical dress whisperer at Fort Drum! As the ODYD rep, Jenna oversees the operation that helps our military spouses say "Yes to the Dress!" — managing inventory, organizing events, delegating tasks, and spreading sparkle wherever she goes.

Jenna stepped into some fabulous shoes following her predecessor Tiff, and let's just say — the glass slipper fits perfectly. She's taken on this key role with passion, grace, and a great eye for both fashion and community support.

Recently, Jenna deployed over 30 gorgeous gowns and hosted a special shopping night for unit spouses prepping for their upcoming ball. Her dedication to meeting the needs of our community is just one of the many reasons we're so lucky to have her!



We started off the season *STRONG* with some fun events & getting out in our local community!

We kicked off the season with our BINGO & Mingle Social! Our sub-clubs hit the ground running with so many fun events, Music club went to Hamilton in Syracuse, BWS and Game Club teamed up for a scavenger hunt in Sackets, Munch Bunch went to ABay, Craft Club made bouquets, Cooking Club learned how to make a cultural dish, Toddler Club went Apple Picking, Fit & Fab hit the track, Book Club read *The Perfect Teacher* and Outdoor Pursuits made the most of the outdoors with a meet and greet, weekly walks and a hike in the Adirondacks!

Stay in Touch!

