

# NORTH COUNTRY SPOUSES'

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## NORTH COUNTRY CHRONICLES

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

### *Welcome Aboard!*

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I can't believe the beginning of our year is here! All summer the board has been diligently planning for the year ahead and eagerly anticipating the official kickoff for the 2025-2026 year, and what a payoff we had at Open House! We are starting the year with over 100 members! I am so grateful to everyone that had a hand in making Open House so successful, and truly hope our excitement was evident to all the new members who came out.

This year holds so much promise, as we honor the traditions of our club while also planning for new events and opportunities. While our guiding principal of building community lies at the center of all we do, we look forward to expanding the reach of Operation Deploy Your Dress, hosting a Spring Event, and increasing our fundraising goals to benefit even more Military Students and local organizations.

If you're new, I encourage you to show up. Try out a sub-club and find others with common interests. Join us at BINGO & Mingle and get to know another member. We are so excited to meet you. Let us know how we can help you build connections. If you're returning, I challenge you reach out to a new member. Welcome them, and encourage them as they show up. Help us build this special community and carry on our reputation of hospitality and inclusivity.

Thank you for joining us this year; I can't wait to meet you!

*- Alyssa Faughnan*

# 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 fun Members Day Out 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 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

To learn more about our sub-clubs, 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](mailto:NCSCcommunityoutreach@gmail.com)

## This month we are partnering with NNY Veteran's Outreach Center

The Veteran's Outreach Center offers a wide range of services such as rental and security deposit assistance for those who qualify, housing placement, food pantry, case management, health care navigation & referrals.



NORTHERN NEW YORK

**VETERAN'S  
OUTREACH CENTER**

They are currently in need of the following donations:

Non-perishable and canned food items

Cases of bottled water

Hygiene products

**Shower curtains & rings - needed most!**

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](mailto:odydNCSCrep@gmail.com) or check out their [Facebook Page HERE](#).





# FUNDRAISER – FLOCK THE YARD

Giving back is the heartbeat of our organization.

Our first fundraiser is **FLOCK THE YARD!** This has been a fan favorite for several years. Think of flocking for **ALL SPECIAL OCCASIONS!** Back to school, birthdays, baby showers, welcome home, and don't forget about our **Spooky Flocks!**

Flocks will open September 2<sup>nd</sup>! Any NCSC member can pay to flock the yard of another NCSC member - show you care by sending a flock of flamingos to their yard!

Unsure if the person you want to flock is a member? Don't know their address? No problem! The Mother Flocker can find out for you.

**\$20** to flock a friend **on post**

**\$25** to flock a friend **off-post**

**\$5** to find out **WHO** flocked you!

**Interested in signing up to be a flocker?** Keep your eyes peeled for our volunteer sign-up! We need **YOU** to bring whimsy and fun to peoples' yards!

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



## FUNDRAISER – SAVE THE DATE!



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

Mark your calendars now for our Annual Charity Event, formerly Tree & Wreath Auction, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Enjoy Dinner and both Live and Silent Auctions to raise money for our Scholarships and Grants program. It is truly the best way to kick off the season of Giving!!

**Are you interested on being on our Fundraiser Committee?** Attend the first meeting:

Tuesday, Sep. 9<sup>th</sup> - 7pm

11561A Northern Blvd., Fort Drum

**Can't make that date but want to be involved?**

Email Allie at [NCSCfirstvtp@gmail.com](mailto:NCSCfirstvtp@gmail.com)

Be sure to follow us on social and/or check back on our website to stay informed!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER SUB-CLUB EVENTS

9/12 - Music Club  
9/13 - BWS & Game Club Collab.  
9/14 - Outdoor Pursuits Club  
9/16 - Craft Club  
9/19 - Munch Bunch Club  
9/20 - Toddler Club  
9/25 - Fit & Fabulous Club  
9/26 - Cooking Club  
9/26 - Book Club  
9/27 - Outdoor Pursuits Club

## SUB-CLUBS

Blue Star  
**Welcome Week 2025**

# 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  
Fort Drum, NY 13602**



**THE STARBUCKS  
COFFEE COMPANY**

## REGISTER

## MONTHLY SOCIALS!

### SEPTEMBER



Join us on September 23rd from 12-2pm for a fun afternoon of lunch, laughter, and connection! Enjoy a delicious meal, play some lively rounds of BINGO, mingle with both new and familiar friends, and maybe go home with some great prizes!

## TICKETS

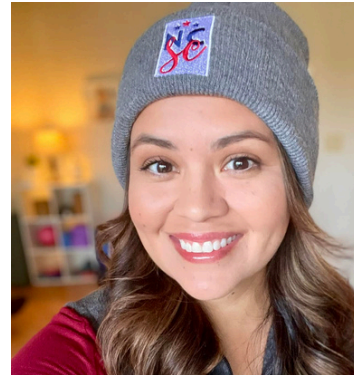
### OCTOBER



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 to visit all the locations and return to hunt headquarters. **Tickets will go on sale September 23rd.**

## SAVE THE DATE!





Show your NCSC Spirit with our Merch - Shop link is  
OPEN now through Sep. 23rd. Pick up at October Social!

[SHOP](#)



[APPLY](#)

## 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.

SUMMER RECAP



# AUGUST VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



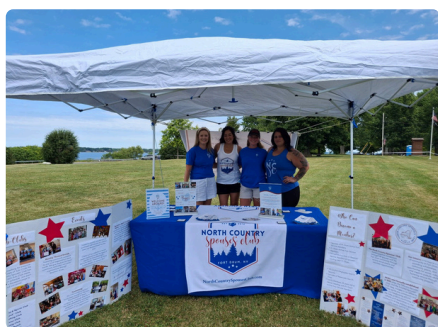
**MORGAN SIMS**  
*Membership Chair*

As Membership Chair (2nd year!) and Munch Bunch Co-Lead, Morgan pulled off an absolutely flawless Open House — and we mean *flawless*. With an eye for detail and a heart for connection, she organized an event so smooth, welcoming, and fun that she shattered last year's records:

- 92 attendees — our biggest Open House ever!
- 77 new members registered at the event (up from 53 last year!)
- 100 members within the first 7 hours of membership opening!

But Morgan brings more than just spreadsheets and sign-up sheets — she brings heart, hustle, and a killer smile that makes everyone feel at home. Whether she's rocking her Taylor Swift tee or jumping into NCSC sub-clubs, Morgan is the warm welcome every new member needs.

Morgan, thank you for making this season start off fearless — you'll never go out of style with NCSC!



## 🌞🚢 From Festivals to Friendships: NCSC Summer Recap 🚢🌞

*What a summer it's been for NCSC!* From joining in the fun at the CAN-AM Festival, to partnering with Blue Star Families for their Day on the Farm and Coffee Connect, to spending time with our neighbors at National Night Out — we loved every moment of getting out into the community. And of course, we set sail into the new season with our Welcome Aboard! Open House, where we met so many new spouses and showed what it means to be truly anchored in community.

It's been a busy summer full of *connection, laughter, and new friendships* — and we're just getting started.

Help us spread the word by inviting your friends and neighbors to join us. Together, let's make this season one to remember!

*Stay in Touch!*

