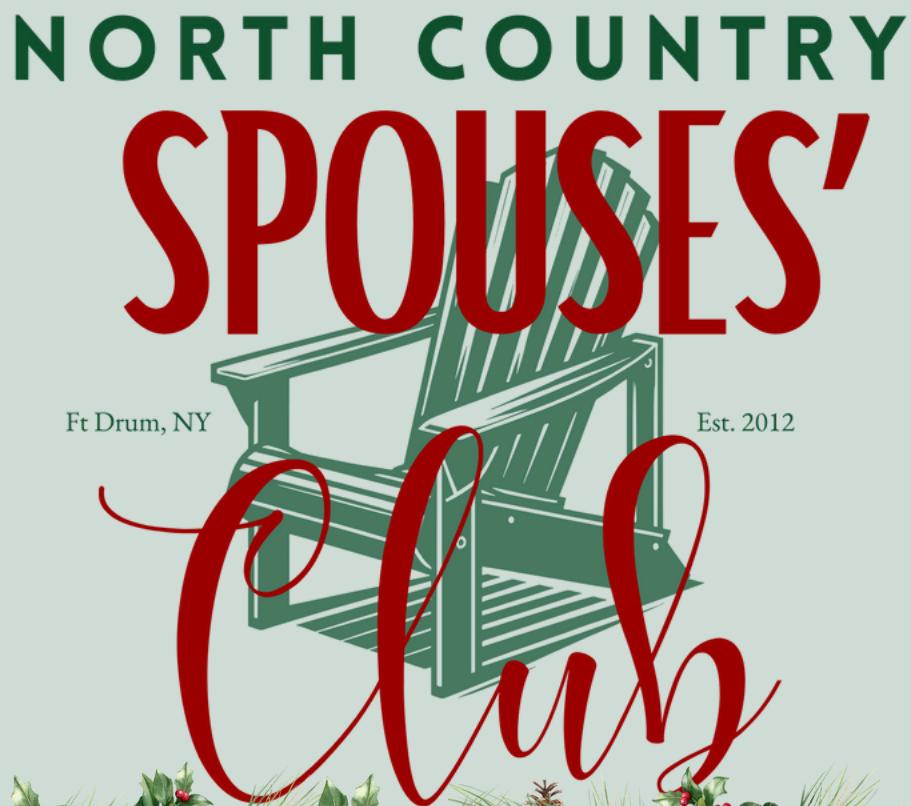


NORTH COUNTRY SPOUSES' Club



NORTH COUNTRY CHRONICLES

The North Country Spouses' Club Monthly E-Newsletter

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From the President -

We're officially entering the most wonderful time of the year!

As the year winds down and the holiday season is in full swing, we want to take a moment to thank all our wonderful members for making this year so special. Your participation, energy, and community spirit are truly the heart of our club. Together we have welcomed new spouses, donated to worthy causes, explored Fort Drum and beyond, celebrated, supported, and built community in the North Country.

Don't forget to mark your calendars—we've got some fantastic events lined up with our Great Cookie Drop-In Social and our sub-club meet ups. Be sure to join those groups on Facebook and follow our page for even more updates.

We hope your holidays are filled with joy, relaxation, and cherished moments with your loved ones, both near and far. We wish you a safe, festive, and memory-making holiday season — we can't wait to share more joy, events, and memories with you in 2026!

- 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!

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!

NCSC Gift Wrapping Volunteers Needed!

The NCSC Gift Wrapping Station is popping up at the Fort Drum Exchange, and we need your holiday magic! 

Sign up to volunteer, wrap gifts, and help us raise money for our scholarships and community grants programs — all while spreading a little festive cheer.

👉 Volunteer Sign-Up: [click here](#)

👉 CAN'T VOLUNTEER? YOU CAN STILL HELP!

Bring your gifts to our table and we'll wrap them for you! They do not need to be purchased at the Exchange — we're happy to wrap anything you bring along. Help us spread the word so we can make this holiday fundraiser a huge success!

Fort Drum: ODYD  Looking for a rewarding, hands-on way to support the Fort Drum community? ODYD is always in need of volunteers. Check out the section below to learn more.

Fundraising Committee Our biggest event of the year — the North Country Gala — is coming up this March, and we need all hands on deck to bring this unforgettable night to life! This is our largest fundraiser of the year — and we truly cannot do it without the helping hands of our amazing members! Learn how you can help with the North Country Gala in the section below.

Donate to our Community Outreach Partner  This month, we're proud to support Samaritan Summit Village. Check out our Community Outreach section below to see how you can help!



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](#).



DECEMBER SUB-CLUB EVENTS

DEC. 4TH - COOKING CLUB

DEC. 6TH - BEER, WINE & SPIRITS

DEC. 9TH - CRAFT CLUB

DEC. 10TH - GAME CLUB

DEC. 12TH - BOOK CLUB

DEC. 13TH - TODDLER CLUB

DEC. 20TH - OUTDOOR PURSUITS

DEC. 22ND - FIT & FABULOUS

WEEKLY WALKS W/ OUTDOOR PURSUITS



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



OUTREACH

Community Outreach Partner

This holiday season NCSC is partnering with the Samaritan Summit Village. Their mission is providing sophisticated senior living. The services needed by residents may vary widely, but the goal of our care is always the same: helping seniors to live exceptionally.

They are currently in need of socks and would love some Christmas Cards with hand written notes.

If you are interested in donating, please contact our Community Outreach Representative, Whitney, to schedule a pick-up!

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

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

ODYD is always in need of volunteers to help sort gowns, organize the boutique, and assist shoppers as they find the perfect dress for military balls and special events — all at no cost to them. If you need a dress or are interested in volunteering or donating, please email: odydNCSCrep@gmail.com

or check out their [Facebook Page HERE](#).



EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for our December Social — the **Great Cookie Drop-In** — What started as a simple “drop-in” has officially glowed up into a full, festive two-hour social — and it’s **FREE for all members!**

We’ll be ringing in the holiday season with:

- A festive ornament exchange
- Tons of cookies (of course!)
- Cozy hot cocoa
- Fun games and time with friends

Your best festive fits are highly encouraged!

There may be a prize for the best one.

December 16th 12 PM–2 PM

RSVP by December 15th, 2025

Crescent Woods Community Center

11799 Harvest Blvd, Fort Drum, NY 13603



♦ **FREE!** RSVP is required so we can ensure we have plenty of treats and goodies for everyone! For more details and to RSVP, click the button above!



Our biggest event of the year — the **North Country Gala** — is coming up this March, and we need all hands on deck to bring this unforgettable night to life!

From décor and auction baskets to check-in, sponsors, logistics, and behind-the-scenes support, there are countless ways to get involved. Whether you love planning, organizing, creating beautiful displays, or simply showing up to help where needed, your skills make a direct impact on our scholarship and community grants programs.

♦ **Gala Ticket Sales Reopen on January 1st** — mark your calendars and get ready to reserve your spot for this special evening!

This is our largest fundraiser of the year — and we truly cannot do it without the helping hands of our amazing members.

👉 **Learn how you can help** with the North Country Gala by emailing our 1st VP, Allie, at:

NCSCfirstvp@gmail.com

NOVEMBER RECAP



Holiday Gift Sale—Former OTBP Gift Shop Inventory!

Since closing the OTBP Gift Shop, we're excited to offer our remaining inventory at special holiday prices! These items make wonderful gifts and are perfect for anyone looking to shop local, save money, and support the NCSC.

Shop With Us at the NEW ODYD Location:

USO Bldg 10502 Riva Ridge Loop S, Fort Drum, NY

December 8th, 9th & 10th | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Come browse amazing deals, help us clear out our remaining items, and find unique holiday treasures to check off your gift-giving list!

We may add additional shopping dates — so be sure to keep an eye on our [NCSC Facebook Page](#) for the latest updates!



INSPIRING A SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY.

Being a part of the North Country Spouses' Club means you are never alone. This rings true especially during the holidays. We know how hard it is to be away from family especially if our loved ones are gone, too! We encourage you all to lean into this club and take advantage of the many opportunities to meet new friends and stay busy. If you have friends and neighbors that are new, or just haven't joined yet, please invite them to come to a sub-club event or social with you. Anyone can attend one event for free before joining. If you will be alone for the holidays and you do not want to be, please reach out to us via email. We have many board members that are willing and ready to open their homes so that no one has to spend a holiday alone!



NOVEMBER RECAP

NOVEMBER'S VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Patti Agard - Treasurer



If you've ever wondered what it looks like when intelligence, organization, and pure magic combine into one spectacular human being... meet our incredible Treasurer, Patti Agard!

As Treasurer, Patti is the Guardian of the Treasure—the one who keeps a close, watchful eye on our budget, tracks every dollar with precision, and ensures our Club's books stay spic-and-span. If you've ever been accused of being "too orderly," good with numbers, or having a sharp eye for business, you might be Patti.

But Patti's talents don't stop at spreadsheets. You know that person who "has a gal for that"? The person who can solve any problem with a quick text and a smile? That's Patti. Need a life-sized elephant for a party? Ask Patti. Need a meal delivered to a friend halfway across the world within 48 hours? Ask Patti. Need guidance on organizing your pantry so beautifully it could be featured in a magazine? You guessed it—ask Patti!

Her resourcefulness is legendary, her project-management skills are unmatched, and her ability to connect with anyone is truly a gift. Patti isn't just a powerhouse volunteer—she's an incredible friend, a trusted advisor, and a warm, steady presence in our community.

RECAP - THANK YOU, NCSC FAMILY!

As we wrap up November, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our amazing members who continue to show up, get involved, and support one another. From Trivia Night and Friendsgiving to Outdoor Pursuits weekly walks, Paint & Sip, and all of our other sub-club gatherings — we loved seeing your smiling faces throughout the month!

Winter in the North Country can be especially challenging, and that's exactly why our community matters so much. Please continue spreading the word to your friends, neighbors, and fellow spouses about the NCSC. The more we grow, the stronger and more supported we all feel during these colder months.

We're grateful for each and every one of you — and we can't wait for all the holiday fun ahead!

