

NORTH COUNTRY SPOUSES'

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The North Country Spouses' Club Monthly E-Newsletter

From the President

Spooky vibes, crisp skies, and cozy nights-- Happy October!!

Now that the hustle and bustle of the year's kickoff is behind us, I hope you are as excited as I am to be in full swing for another year together! There's nothing quite like the energy of bringing our community back under one roof, and seeing so many familiar faces- and new!- faces at our Favorite Things Tea truly set the tone for what's to come!

Our first event was an absolute blast. From the lively conversations, to learning about a valued community resource, The Fort Drum Thrift Shop's Food Pantry, the room was buzzing from start to finish. A huge thank you to everyone who showed up, brought great energy, and helped make our first social such a memorable success. If that afternoon was any indicator, we are in for an unforgettable year filled with great connection, laughter, and new memories. Don't forget! All of our sub clubs are also up and running, so we have a packed calendar of events! Keep an eye out for details about ways to get involved and join the fun.

As the air turns crisp and the leaves begin to turn, fall brings a quiet reminder that change can be beautiful. It's a season for fresh starts, cozy moments, and setting our sights on all the good things waiting just around the corner. I hope you take advantage of all there is to do this season in NCSC and in the local area, as I truly believe this is just the beginning of all the good things still yet to come this year!

I hope your month is full of treats!

-Alyssa





Inspiring a Spirit of Community

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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 traditions 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!

MEET OUR BOARD

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Get Involved, Give Back

NCSC is proud to partner with organizations throughout the North Country and provide our members with meaningful opportunities to volunteer, give back, and get involved in the community.

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

Fort Drum Thrift Shop has several volunteer needs. Linked below are sign ups for their October Coat drive and general staffing for their monthly Blessing Box Food Pantry distribution.

Questions? Email Jaden, our volunteer coordinator at

ncscvolunteer@gmail.com



SIGN UP



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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 26-27 year:

- Beer, Wine & Spirits Club
- Book Club
- Craft Club
- 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](#).



OCTOBER EVENTS

OCT 9 - BEER, WINE, AND SPIRITS: WITCH AND CHILL NIGHT

OCT 10 - TODDLER CLUB: APPLE PICKING

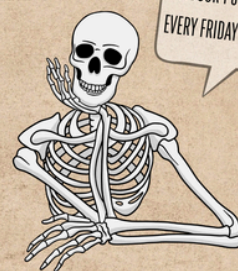
OCT 17 - OUTDOOR PURSUITS+ CRAFT CLUB: BONFIRE AND PUMPKIN CARVING

OCT 21 - *SOCIAL*: FORT DRUM SCAVENGER HUNT

OCT 23 - TODDLER + CRAFT CLUB: SPOOKY ARTS AND CRAFTS (AM)

OCT 23 - BOOK CLUB (PM)

OCT 24 - MUSIC CLUB: HALLOWEEN BY CANDLELIGHT



WARM YOUR BONES!
OUTDOOR PURSUITS MEETS
EVERY FRIDAY FOR A WALK!



SEPTEMBER RECAP

OCTOBER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

We are proud to recognize **Hannah Mueller**, our Reservations Chair, as **October Volunteer of the Month**.

You can find Hannah at every point of the event process. She is preparing for events behind the scenes by sending timely invitations and reminders. Then, you can find her smiling and welcoming guests with name tags at the check in table. She began her role early, stepping up back in June to support Cynthia's welcome and Sherri's farewell, helping with setup, and staying to clean up afterward. She brought that same commitment to Open House, always ready to lend a hand wherever needed. Hannah is also our go-to "save the day" person when something is forgotten or a last-minute detail pops up. Her reliability, kindness, and willingness to jump in make our events not just possible, but genuinely enjoyable.

We're grateful for her consistent presence and all the heart she brings to North Country Spouses' Club!

RECAP



Starting off the season strong!

We kicked off the NCSC social season with our **Favorite Things Tea Party and Gift Exchange!** A wonderful time was had by all, with a delicious lunch catered by The Peak. Everyone went home with fun gifts, and best of all, we collected a huge donation pile for our community partners at the Fort Drum Blessing Box Food Pantry.

We also got out into the community and volunteered at the Fort Drum Blessing Box Food Pantry, as well as the Sackets Harbor Marathon, where our NCSC crew brought plenty of energy and enthusiasm to race day!

Last but not least, our **Sub Clubs are in full swing!** From Book Club choosing their first book, to a White Caps Winery trip, friendship bracelet making, weekly walks, concerts, a day at the zoo for our littlest NCSC members, and dinner and drinks at the Watertown Whiskey Coop—we've been all over the North Country!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



IN THE COMMUNITY



Sackets Harbor Marathon 2026

Our fundraising season is off to a strong start! NCSC is thrilled to announce that, for the second year in a row, was voted the **Best Water Station** at the Sackets Harbor Marathon, earning us a \$500 prize!

A huge THANK YOU to all of our amazing volunteers who showed up, brought the energy, cheered on the runners, and made race day so much fun!

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 next 2026-2027 fundraiser is **GUAC & GIVE BACK** at the Watertown Chipotle! This has been a fan favorite for several years. **Use our CODE when you order!**

This year, NCSC will be collecting returnable cans and bottles at our socials throughout the season. Every donation directly **supports our mission**, helping us give back to military families and our local communities.

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



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR NORTH COUNTRY SPOUSES' CLUB

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH | 4-8PM
1290 ARSENAL ST STE 7, WATERTOWN, NY, 13601

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **8X8TZP7**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



OCTOBER OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

NCSC is proud to give back to our community!

**THE NEED IS REAL.
THE NEED IS NOW.**

AUGUST AT THE MARKET: THE NUMBERS DON'T LIE.

INDIVIDUALS SERVED		HOUSEHOLDS SERVED	
Unduplicated	1,728	Unduplicated	785
Duplicated	2,314	Duplicated	1,146
New	249	New	99

CHILDREN 0-17	ADULTS 18-60	SENIORS 60+
466	1,002	255

Behind every number is a neighbor.
A family. A senior. A child.
People in our community who are struggling.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TODAY!

- CANNED GOODS
- PEANUT BUTTER
- PASTA & RICE
- BOXED MEALS
- CEREAL
- JUICE
- HYGIENE ITEMS

OUR SHELVES NEED YOU!
Demand continues to rise, and so do the needs. We are running low on many essential items.
YOU CAN HELP
Every donation makes a difference. Every item helps feed a family.
TOGETHER,
we can fill the shelves and fill hearts with hope.

Watertown Urban Mission
RESTORING HOPE. BUILDING PURPOSE. IMPACTING LIVES.

♥ TOGETHER, WE CAN BE THE HANDS AND HEARTS OF HOPE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU!

This month we are partnering with the Watertown Urban Mission

The requested donation items are listed in their flyer. They have noted that tuna, peanut butter, and boxed meals (such as Hamburger Helper) are among the most frequently selected items from the pantry.

They are also hoping to get an early start on stocking **holiday food items**, including stuffing mix, canned yams, and other seasonal staples.



UPCOMING EVENTS

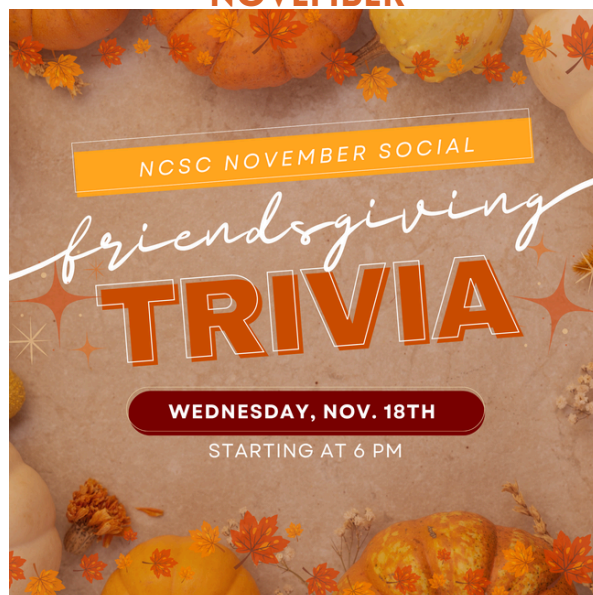
MONTHLY SOCIALS



OCTOBER



NOVEMBER



SAVE THE DATE!

Get ready for a spooky night of fun, friendly competition, and a little adventure!

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

Mark your calendars now for our second annual North Country Gala on Saturday, April 3rd, 2027. Enjoy Dinner and both Live and Silent Auctions to raise money for our Scholarships and Grants program.

Are you interested on being on our Fundraising Committee?

Email Elena at NCSCfirsttvp@gmail.com



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.

Are you interested on being on our ODYD Committee?

Email Emily at odydNCSCrep@gmail.com

For more information and their **hours of operation** check their [Facebook Page Here](#).



RESOURCES



[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.



STAY CONNECTED WITH FORT DRUM

Community Information Exchange

Did you know? Each month, Fort Drum hosts the Community Information Exchange (CIE). CIE provides members of our community with an opportunity to come together to share and discover information about upcoming **events, programs, and services** available on post and throughout the surrounding communities.

- FMWR calendar of events
- Child & Youth Services Programs
- Updates from Guthrie Family Health Clinic
- Religious Support Resources
- and more!



[CLICK HERE TO VIEW
SEPTEMBER'S CIE](#)



My Army Post App

Last year, Fort Drum launched the **My Army Post App** (MAPA), which connects Soldiers and Families with a variety of installation resources ranging from current weather conditions, post-wide alert messages, emergency contact numbers, the hours and locations of facilities, and events happening on post.

NCSC is proud to support this effort and encourages our members to take advantage of this valuable resource. **Together, we can help make it easier for our community to stay informed, connected, and involved in the Fort Drum community.**



Stay in Touch!

