



NORTH COUNTRY CHRONICLES

The North Country Spouses' Club Monthly E-Newsletter

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From the President -

Hello, wonderful members of NCSC!

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy, happy, and rejuvenated as we welcome 2026! As we tend to hunker down in winter, I encourage you to make your way out to enjoy the beautiful North Country and keep your connections and community strong! Looking for ideas? Here are a few warm updates and reminders of the great things happening!

Our January social, Cabin Fever Fix, will be sure to cure any winter blues that may be creeping in. The North Country Gala has been rescheduled and is coming up quick in March, and Operation Deploy Your Dress has relocated and is back better than ever! Your participation makes this club the vibrant place it is, and I encourage everyone to explore our member community or reach out with any ideas you have. We are always looking for new ways to connect and grow together.

I hope each of you had a very merry holiday, and I wish you all a truly wonderful 2026!
- Alyssa Faughnan





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!

We are currently looking for a Toddler Club lead AND a Book Club co-lead! If you would like more information or are interested in applying, please contact our Social Chair below.

E-mail: NCSCsocialchair@gmail.com

We need all hands on deck for our upcoming Gala!! From gathering donations to set up and tear down, we have a job for you - if interested, please contact our 1st VP Allie at: NCSCfirstvp@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.

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!



HALF-PRICE



1/2 PRICE Membership!

[**JOIN TODAY!**](#)

Our season is already reaching the half way mark – that means you can join for half the price!

Tell your friends and neighbors!!

JANUARY – MAY 2026



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 & Fab 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 SC JANUARY SUB-CLUB EVENTS

JAN. 7th - Beer, Wine & Spirits

JAN. 8th - Game Club

JAN. 9th - Book Club

JAN. 11th - Munch Bunch

JAN. 13th - Craft Club

JAN. 16th - Cooking Club

JAN. 22nd - Fit & Fab Club

JAN. 30th - Outdoor Pursuits

Weekly Walks with Outdoor Pursuits - Every Friday!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



OUTREACH

Community Outreach Partner

This holiday season NCSC is partnering with the SLCO - Office for the Aging. The Office for the Aging provides services and advocacy for County residents 60 years and older.

They are currently in need of Gift Cards, Blankets, Hats & Gloves, Fans, Chocolates & Candy, Puzzles, Puzzel Books, Towels, Hand Held Games

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

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](#).

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.



LOOKING AHEAD!



JOIN THE BOARD!

Recruitment begins **NOW** for 2026-2027

With PCS season just around the corner, many of our board positions will be opening up for the 2026-2027 season.

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](#). Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

If you have any questions, please email: ParliamentarianNCSC@gmail.com



BUDGET REVISIONS

Join Us for a Zoom Meeting

You are invited to join the upcoming Budget Revision meeting. We will discuss and review important updates to our financial plans for the remainder of our NCSC year.

Your input and participation are valuable in shaping our budget for the rest of our fiscal year.

Tuesday, January 27th - 10:00am EST

[Link to Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 266 152 5943

EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!



Our biggest event of the year — the **North Country Gala** — is coming up this March, and we need your help 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 TODAY — Use the link below to get yours and spread the word to let everyone know!

👉 Get your tickets [HERE](#)

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

NCSCfirstvp@gmail.com

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 a Season of Cheer - Fort Drum Coffee Connect!

Save the Date for late January — be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook Page for the registration link once we finalize the date.

Enjoy FREE coffee, a fun activity, and exciting giveaways. This is open to any military spouse at Fort Drum. You do not need to be an NCSC member, so invite a friend.



DECEMBER RECAP

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Alyssa Faughnan - President



As our President, Alyssa has gone far beyond the expectations of her role, quietly and consistently turning big ideas into real, meaningful progress for both our organization and the community we serve. One of her most impactful accomplishments this year was leading our relocation from the previous airfield space into our new space inside the USO building. This was no small feat. Alyssa coordinated logistics, managed multiple teams, and ensured the transition happened smoothly and efficiently, all while keeping day-to-day operations moving forward.

Alyssa leads by example, always willing to roll up her sleeves and do the hard work. Her passion, resilience, and commitment make her an invaluable part of our organization, and we are thrilled to recognize her as Volunteer of the Month... whether she wanted the spotlight or not.

Whitney McClure - Community Outreach

In her role, Whitney is our local benefactor-finder: the person who uncovers worthy nonprofit causes and connects them with our club. She has a heart for service, a passion for people, and love building bridges between community organizations and the club.

Each month, she seeks out unique and often unknown charities to feature at our monthly social. Thanks to Whitney, we're introduced to corners of our community that are often untouched and under-recognized—places where a little visibility and support can make a big difference. Whitney lives out the NCSC value of community connectedness in everything she does and we are so grateful for her!



RECAP

The best way to spread holiday cheer, is connecting with friends near and dear!

December was a busy and exciting month for NCSC! We wrapped up the year with a big move—you can now find Operation Deploy Your Dress at the newly reopened USO building!

While the weather was a little frightful and put a damper on a few sub-club meetups, it didn't stop us from finding plenty of holiday cheer together. We crafted our own ornaments, shared lots of laughs during White Elephant gift exchanges, and gathered for a cozy social filled with cocoa, cookies, and great company.

Thank you for showing up, supporting one another, and making December feel merry and bright—no matter the forecast.

Stay in Touch!

