

NORTH COUNTRY SPOUSES'

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The North Country Spouses' Club Monthly E-Newsletter

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From the President -

February may be the shortest month of the year, but NCSC has a full calendar of fun, connection, and community-building opportunities!

Be sure to check out our many sub-club events, and don't miss our Pal-entines Pajama Bash on February 27th, paired with our Bowling with the Board event during the hour leading up to the social. This is a great opportunity to connect with current board members and learn more about leadership positions opening for the 2026–2027 season.

February 1st also marks the launch of our Scholarship and Grant Applications. Be sure to review the details in this newsletter and on our website to learn more about eligibility. We're thrilled to once again support military spouses pursuing education and local non-profits making an impact in our community.

And don't forget — membership is half off for the remainder of the season! Be sure to spread the word and invite friends and neighbors to join us.

We can't wait to see you this month!

- 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 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!



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!

Join the Board *We are beginning to recruit members to serve on the 2026-2027 Executive Board.* If you're interested in learning more, check out our website or reach out by email to NCSCpres@gmail.com

You can also help out as a Sub-Club leader. We are looking for a Book Club co-lead. If you would like more information or have any questions please talk to our Social Chair! NCSCsocialchair@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.



SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS



[CLICK TO APPLY!](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Applications are NOW OPEN!!

The North Country Spouses' Club is a non-profit organization that commits fundraising efforts towards raising money for our scholarships and grants program.

Our scholarship program provides funding for the military community, specifically Fort Drum spouses, looking to enroll full-time in an accredited college, university or a trade school program.

The NCSC grants program has distributed monies annually to various local non-profit organizations surrounding the Fort Drum community.

Click the link above for full eligibility requirements.

MEMBERSHIP



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
- 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](#).

FEBRUARY SUB-CLUB EVENTS

FEB. 4TH - GAME CLUB

FEB. 6TH - COOKING CLUB

FEB. 7TH - MUSIC CLUB

FEB. 12TH - MUNCH BUNCH

FEB. 19TH - TODDLER CLUB

FEB. 21ST - BEER, WINE & SPIRITS

FEB. 26TH - BOOK/CRAFT COLLAB.

FEB. 28TH - OUTDOOR PURSUITS

WEEKLY WALKS W/ OUTDOOR PURSUITS EVERY FRIDAY

UPCOMING EVENTS



Gala Ticket Sales are OPEN – Use the link below to get yours and spread the word to let everyone know! 💎 Get your tickets [HERE](#)

We are still accepting DONATIONS in the form of items, baskets, and monetary to be auctioned off. If you would like us to highlight your business at this event please [CLICK HERE](#)



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.

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





SAVE THE DATE! 💎 Ticket Sales will OPEN on Monday afternoon 💎

Get ready for our **Palentine's Pajama Bash!** 🌙⭐ Slip into your favorite pajamas and join us for a night of bowling, laughter, and connection with friends old and new.

🎳 **Bowling fun**

🍕 **Food provided**

💙 **Great company guaranteed**

We'll bring the food and the fun — you'll leave with full hearts and the best memories.



⭐ **Thinking about getting more involved with NCSC next year?**

This social will also serve as our **Bowling with the Board** event!

👋 Current board members will arrive early to connect with anyone interested in learning more about board roles and involvement.

🕒 **Join us from 5:00–6:00 PM** to chat, ask questions, and learn what serving on the NCSC Board is all about — before the party begins!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

THIS MONTH'S

Community Outreach Partner

For the month of February, NCSC is partnering with **Carthage City School District FFA Program** to help their joint project with FFA chapters and the NYS Grange to create *birthday cake kits* 🍰 for local food pantries.

Please help us if you can by donating: **cake mixes, frosting, birthday candles, and small bottles of cooking oil.**

Donations can be brought to the February Social on Friday, February 27th. If you will not be attending the social, you can reach out to our Community Outreach Representative, Whitney, to arrange a pick up! Her email is:

NCSCcommunityoutreach@gmail.com

This is also a reminder for anyone that has donations for our January Community Outreach Partner to please contact Whitney so she can pick them up.



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

**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](#).



LOOKING AHEAD!

JOIN THE BOARD!

Elections are COMING UP for 2026-2027



With PCS season quickly approaching, 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](#). Join us on **Friday, February 27th** at **Pine Plains Bowling Center from 5-6pm** to talk to current board members and get more information.

Stay tuned for more information in the coming months. If you have any questions, please email:

ParliamentarianNCSC@gmail.com



HELP US RAISE SOME DOUGH!

Join us for a Panera Fundraiser Night!

SAVE THE DATE for **February 25th** from 4-8pm

This is open to the public - please share with everyone you know. Pick up or Dine-in! Enjoy a delicious dinner while supporting a great cause.



ARE YOU NEW TO FORT DRUM?

Join us for a Coffee Connect Event!

SAVE THE DATE for our next Coffee Connect! Enjoy **FREE coffee**, a fun activity, and exciting **PRIZES**.

This is open to any military spouse at Fort Drum. You do not need to be an NCSC member, so invite a friend.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SPRING SOCIALS!



NCSC MERCH SHOP



For a Limited Time!!

If you won't be there, reach out to us to arrange pick up.

SHOP



JANUARY RECAP

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH - JANUARY

Mona Alfaro - Property Manager

Known affectionately as the club's "Human AirTag," Mona is truly our inventory extraordinaire—she knows where everything is and ensures all club property is accounted for, organized, and ready when needed. Mona's impact was especially significant during the move to the USO Building and the reorganization of our storage unit. She dedicated dozens of hours—literally—sorting inventory, organizing supplies, and reducing clutter to make our storage space more functional and efficient. Her contributions went far beyond planning and oversight; Mona was hands-on every step of the way, lifting and moving boxes and providing essential logistical support throughout the process.

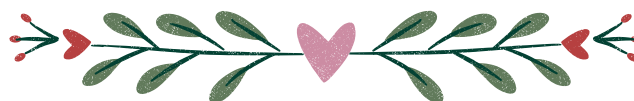
In addition to her tireless work behind the scenes, Mona is always willing to open her home to the club for gatherings, further demonstrating her generosity and commitment to fostering a welcoming community. Her reliability, physical effort, and willingness to step up wherever help is needed make her an invaluable asset to the club.



Yornalis (Jodi) Loblack - Reservations

As our Reservations Chair—fondly known as the “Ruler of RSVPs”—Jodi plays a vital role in ensuring our socials and events run smoothly. She consistently keeps track of event attendance with precision, helping our leadership team plan successful, well-organized, and welcoming gatherings. Jodi brings a warm, positive presence to everything she does, and her genuine love for helping events succeed is felt by all who attend.

In addition to her role as Reservations Chair, Jodi helps plan many of our monthly socials, creating fun and inclusive experiences for our spouses, and she also serves as co-chair of the Cooking Club. Jodi has a hand in many of the moving parts that keep our club thriving, often working quietly behind the scenes. Her reliability, enthusiasm, and commitment make such a difference and we are so lucky to have her!



RECAP

North Country winter is officially in full swing! Between snowstorms and nonstop shoveling, January reminded us just how strong (and resilient!) our community truly is. Despite the cold, we found plenty of ways to connect and stay warm — from sub-club meetups filled with laughter and friendship to our Blue Star Families—sponsored Coffee Connect, where hot coffee and even warmer conversation brought spouses together.

We're also excited to share that all of our supplies is now officially moved into the USO building alongside Operation Deploy Your Dress (ODYD)! Don't forget that we have a lot of decorations and supplies available for you to borrow for your next ball or event.

Here's to finding warmth in community — even in the heart of winter. We look forward to connecting with you soon!

Stay in Touch!

