

NORTH COUNTRY SPOUSES'

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The North Country Spouses' Club Monthly E-Newsletter

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From the President -

I hope you enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday! I am so very thankful for our members, the Fort Drum community, and the local businesses in our surrounding communities that supported our 14th annual Tree & Wreath Gala! It is truly remarkable that we were able to raise over \$15,000 for our scholarships and grants fund at this event. We were able to beat our goal of \$12,000 by more than 25% due to record attendance and the generosity of so many. On behalf of our entire board, thank you!

As we move into December, I hope you will find connection from the variety of activities our amazing sub-clubs have planned and also our very festive holiday social that is sure to bring much cheer!

I know this time of year can be difficult for some, especially if loved ones are away, or if you are far from home, so please lean into this club and stay connected.

Wishing you love, peace, and joy this holiday season!

- Penny Ezell



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!

Join the Board *All positions are currently filled* but we are always looking for volunteers to help out on committees for big events and fundraisers.

You can also help out as a Sub-Club leader. **Our Cooking Club lead is looking for a co-leader to help with this exciting new club!** If you would like more information or have an idea for a new Sub-Club talk to our Social Chair!

E-mail: 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.



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 24-25 year:

- Beer, Wine & Spirits Club
- Book Club
- Cooking Club - **NEW!**
- Crafting Club
- Game Club
- Outdoor Pursuits Club
- Purple Pals Club - **NEW!**
- Lunch Bunch
- 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 - GAME CLUB

DEC. 5TH - TODDLER CLUB

DEC. 6TH - LUNCH BUNCH

DEC. 8TH - OUTDOOR PURSUITS

DEC. 9TH - BOOK CLUB (AM)

DEC. 13TH - COOKING CLUB

DEC. 14TH - BEER, WINE & SPIRITS

DEC. 15TH - PURPLE PALS CLUB

DEC. 17TH - CRAFTING CLUB

DEC. 20TH - BOOK CLUB (PM)



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



OUTREACH

Community Outreach Partner

This holiday season NCSC is partnering with the 10th Mountain Division to help their annual Fort Drum *Mountain of Toys* toy drive. Please help us make it a successful year for them by dropping off a new, unwrapped toy at any sub-club event during the month of November.

****DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 4th****

If you are attending the Game Club event on the 4th you can bring your item then. Otherwise, if you are interested in donating, please contact our Community Outreach Representative, Stefanie Brady, 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 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 or check out their [Facebook Page HERE](#).



EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!



NCSC DECEMBER SOCIAL

holiday TRIVIA

Fort Drum Sportsman Lodge

December is here - let's jingle and mingle!! Put on your best thinking cap and join us for some fun Holiday Trivia! Lunch will be served by Vito's and we will have some fun opportunity prizes.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11TH

11:00AM-1:00PM

DON'T FORGET OUR CONTEST!  **PRIZE FOR BEST UGLY SWEATER**

December's Monthly Social is a Holiday Trivia Luncheon - Don't forget to register. **RSVP here!!**

RSVP



Season of Cheer

December 2 | 10:00 AM

Starbucks
(Exchange Food Court)

10730A Enduring Freedom Dr
Fort Drum, NY 13603

Join us as part of Starbucks Season of Cheer for a fun holiday get together! Create an ornament to honor service members and their families, or create a fun holiday craft. We hope to see you there!

 

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ARE YOU NEW TO FORT DRUM?

Join us for a Coffee Connect Event!

Our NCSC Blue Star Families Liaisons Molly and Sarah are excited to welcome you to a Season of Cheer - Fort Drum Coffee Connect!

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. Space is limited, so RSVP now to secure your spot!

If registration is full, don't worry—we hope to see you at a future event. Let's make this holiday season one to remember!

RSVP

NOVEMBER RECAP



Our 14th Annual Tree & Wreath Gala was an Incredible Success! We raised over \$15,000 for our scholarships and grants fund!!

Thank You!!



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER



Stephanie Hickey

Our Incredible 1st Vice President at NCSC!

We are beyond grateful to have Stephanie as part of our NCSC family! Since joining in 2023, she's brought a wealth of nonprofit and fundraising experience, and she does it all while raising two energetic one-year-old twins and a vibrant five-year-old, while also holding a senior leadership position as Vice President of SCI and working as a communications and marketing professional.

Stephanie's passion, dedication, and unwavering commitment to our mission inspire all of us every single day. We are so lucky to have her leadership and heart at the helm. Thank you, Stephanie, for all that you do—for NCSC, for our community, and for making the world a little brighter every day.



Alyssa Faughnan

Our Remarkable Donations Coordinator at NCSC!

We are beyond grateful to have Alyssa as part of our NCSC family! She brings a wealth of experience from her years of being a part of different spouses' clubs at a variety of installations. This experience has helped her succeed in a huge way in our new Donations Coordinator position this year - all while raising her five active children and working full time supporting 1st BCT.

Alyssa's love for military families and her passion for making a difference in the lives of military spouses inspires anyone who knows her. We are truly blessed to have Alyssa as part of NCSC. She is a true difference maker. Thank you, Alyssa, for all that you do—for NCSC, for our community, and for always doing it with a beautiful smile.

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

Tiff Gallo, mastermind behind Fort Drum's Fort Drum - Operation Deploy your Dress, is the NCSC nominee for Volunteer of the Quarter! Tiff has poured herself into making an incredible place for spouses and teens to go to find the perfect gown for a special occasion.

This year, Tiff has revitalized ODYD, by:

- ◆ Hosting special shopping events for FRGs and opened up evening hours
- ◆ Inventoried all gowns and went digital - you can find most of the dresses ODYD has in stock on their Facebook page!
- ◆ Deployed more than 140 dresses since October 2023
- ◆ Received more than 530 dresses since October 2023

Tiff is a mother of three young boys and owner and master seamstress behind her small business "Crafty Tiff Co." where she specializes in custom-made party shirts. She is also the leader of the NCSC Craft Club where she collaborates with other members to bring you a crafty good time!! Thank you to Tiff for committing so much time and energy to ODYD, enabling our community spouses to look and feel their most beautiful! ODYD and the NCSC are a better place because of Tiff!



STAY CONNECTED.

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 noone has to spend a holiday alone!



WHO CAN BE A MEMBER?

- ◆ Spouses of Ft. Drum Active Duty Service Members
- ◆ Ft. Drum Active Duty Service Members
- ◆ Retired (Active Duty or Reserve) Service Members & Spouses residing near Ft. Drum
- ◆ GS Civilian Employees and/or Spouses
- ◆ Spouses of Reservists near Ft. Drum
- ◆ Family Members, 18 years old or above, residing with Ft. Drum Active Duty Service Members

If you know someone that meets this criteria, tell them about us!

