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FROM OUR HOME  
TO YOURS  
**Happy New Year!**



As we begin the final approach into 2014 we leave behind a year that has seen many successes and unfortunately some challenges for our Service Members and their Families. I am happy to report that the staff and Volunteers of Family Programs have made those challenges a little less invasive into the daily lives of our Service Members, Veterans, and their Families. The job of Director, Family Programs is rewarding, inspiring and emotional. I believe I have felt all of these things since my appointment a short time ago. As I look to 2014 I see a bright year with a professional, experienced and incredibly supportive staff that knows what right looks like! Shortly, you will hear from me again as I document for you what my vision is to keep Family Programs relevant and inspiring to our Service Members, Veterans and Families. Lastly, my personal thanks to Mr. Andrew J. Depalo for having faith in me to be his Yellow Ribbon Coordinator three years ago, giving me an expanded base to prepare for what I thought was a job I would not want. Andy made it look easy, I know now it will not be as easy as he made it look, but I know that I will continue his traditions of loyalty, responsibility, steadfastness, and providing a support network, second to none, that fulfills the needs of our Service Members, Veterans and Families. From my Family to yours Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

*John*

John J. Willsey  
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## Traditional New Years Welcome and the Modern English Translation

### Should auld acquaintance be forgot

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And never brought to min',  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot  
And days of auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne,  
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne.

And here's a hand, my trusty fierce,  
And gie's a hand o' thine,  
And we'll tak' a right guid willie-waught,  
For auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne,  
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint stowpt,  
And surely I'll be mine,  
And we'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne,  
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne.

**-Robert Burns**

### Should old acquaintances be forgotten

Should old acquaintances be forgotten , And never be remembered?  
Should old acquaintances be forgotten , and days long ago.

For days long ago, my dear, For days long ago  
We'll drink a cup of kindness yet , For days long ago!

And surely you'll have your pint tankard . And surely I'll have mine.  
And we'll drink a cup of kindness yet ,For days long ago.

We two have run about the hills , And pulled the daisies fine  
But we've wandered many a weary mile

Since the days long ago. For days long ago, my dear,  
For days long ago We'll drink a cup of kindness yet  
For days long ago!

We two have paddled in the stream , From morning sun till dinner-time  
But the broad seas have roared between us , Since the days long ago.

For days long ago, my dear, For days long ago  
We'll drink a cup of kindness yet , For days long ago!

And here's my hand, my trusty friend, And give me your hand too,  
And we will take an excellent good-will drink  
For the days of long ago.

### Holiday match up quiz answers:

**North American Aerospace Defense Command**  
**Norad**

**Pere Noel**  
**Santa**

**Kringle**  
**Not one of Santas Reindeer**

**black-eyed peas, ham or cabbage**  
**Good luck**

**German Christmas tree Pastry**  
**Christbaumgebäck**

**Holiday for Servants/Workers**  
**Boxing Day**

