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America Supports You: Free Mother's Day Videoconferencing Offered

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WASHINGTON, April 26, 2005 – The Freedom Calls Foundation will provide free videoconferencing for servicemembers and their families over Mother's Day weekend, May 7-8.



The Freedom Calls Foundation enables deployed troops to remotely attend graduations and other important family milestones, such as birthdays and the birth of babies. Courtesy photo

The private 20- to 30-minute high-tech videoconferences are scheduled to link troops at Al Asad Airfield and Camp Taji in Iraq with family members at specified locations in 10 cities across the United States on those two days, said Ed Bukstel, Freedom Calls Foundation co-founder.

The foundation is part of the Defense Department's America Supports You campaign, which spotlights how Americans across the country are supporting the men and women of the U.S. military.

The foundation provides video services and equipment to military hospitals and bases around the world. Its services enable troops to remotely attend graduations and other important family milestones, such as birthdays and the birth of babies.

The 10 cities that will host the videoconferences are Atlanta; New York; Kansas City; Wilmington, N.C.; Groton, Conn.; Dallas; San Antonio; Los Angeles; Fayetteville, Ark.; and Chicago.

Families wishing to connect with their loved ones during the Mother's Day weekend should contact Bukstel at ebukstel@freedomcalls.org