



Video conference connects military to home

FEBRUARY 13, 2005 -- Fallujah, the front lines in the war in Iraq, is a long way from the families fighting men and women have left behind. Although camp Fallujah is nearly 5,000 miles away, video conferencing equipment provided by the Tandberg company is allowing families to meet face to face.

Tandberg, in conjunction with the Freedom Calls Foundation, provides a video link free of charge, between those away, and those who miss them. Lt. Chris Nolf is stationed at the New River Air Station. He's been in Iraq for more than six weeks. He saw his family Sunday for the first time since he's been gone.

"To reflect back and look at your loved ones is something to treasure for a lifetime and this is something I'll treasure until I get to see them again," says Nolf.

While it's important for him to see his family, it is every bit as important for them to see him.

"It's elation, just to get to look at his eyes and see that he is ok and not losing too much weight, " says his wife Dana. Nolf's mother-in-law adds, "they at least can see him and go hey, Daddy's around, somewhere, and that's great for them."

For the folks at Tanberg that's exactly what this is all about.



Lt. Chris Nolf talks to his family via video conference



"It's not about Tanberg. It's what you saw when these kids walked into this conference. It was so fun for them to see their dad."

That's why when the smoke settles an ocean away families are grateful to speak eye to eye.

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