



Loved Ones Reunite Through Video Conferencing

(February 13, 2005) - Men and women serving our country overseas are interacting with their loved ones. It's made possible by technology that's a step into the future. Soldiers are uniting with their families in time for Valentines Day from thousands of miles away in Iraq. Freedom Calls Foundation and Tandberg Communication System are teaming up to bring them together.

The Nolf family was at the Hilton Hotel downtown earlier today having a video conference. Dana Nolf told NewsChannel 3 that she had only given her kids a little hint about the exciting reunion this afternoon. Nolf said, "I didn't want to tell them what it was in case it didn't happen."

But lucky for them, it did happen. 1st Lieutenant Christopher Nolf was all smiles during their face to face conversation. Dana says it's the best Valentine's gift she's ever received. "A picture's worth a thousand words, you know? It's just, just to see him, I don't even have to say anything to him, just to look at him and see that he's okay," Dana said.

After getting caught up on spelling tests and birthday parties, the only difficult thing about the video conferencing is having to say goodbye.

