

Supercomputer Center at UCSD Unites Military Families via Videoconference

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Media Advisory

Military families will be reunited for the holidays thanks to a videoconference organized by the San Diego Supercomputer Center (SDSC) at UC San Diego.

The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16, in room 104 (the auditorium) at SDSC.

Reporters are invited to interview families participating in the conference.

About 25 families from the Marine base at Camp Pendleton will be reunited with loved ones serving in Iraq via a videoconference set up by SDSC. Each family will spend about half an hour at a 50-inch LCD screen which will carry televised images and sound from troops stationed more than 7,000 miles away - at Camp Fallujah and at the Al Asad Marine Airfield in northern Iraq.

The conversations, made possible through satellite uplinks and the Internet, are the result of partnership between the Freedom Calls Foundation and SDSC.

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