

Legion Launches VetCam for Families of Military, Vets No software downloads needed

By The American Legion

INDIANAPOLIS (Dec. 5, 2008) - Military troops deployed overseas can now use their webcams to talk with their families back home without having to download software packages that might not pass muster with command cybernet security requirements.

The American Legion has launched "VetCam," a free webcam service that enables U.S. military servicemembers and veterans to talk face-to-face on their personal computers with friends and family by simply registering as a user. Once registered, each user can connect with two webcams and use the service 24/7 from anyplace with an Internet connection.

"Webcam technology has been around for a while, but many required downloading software to make them work," said David K. Rehbein, national commander of The American Legion. "We want our troops, our veterans, and their families to be able to enjoy the pleasure of talking face-to-face with their loved ones anywhere in the world, with just a couple of mouse clicks. Next to actually being there, seeing and talking with your spouse and kids, mom and dad, and best friends are morale boosters prior generations of veterans never had."

To initiate the service, a user will need a webcam or a computer with a built in webcam. Then, just go to www.legion.org, click on VetCams, register and start communicating. Once registered, simply log in at any time to connect.

All members of the United States Armed Forces (active duty, Reserve and National Guard), members of The American Legion, their families and friends are welcome to use this complimentary technology.

With a current membership of 2.6-million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and patriotic youth programs. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through more than 14,000 posts across the nation.