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Andrews Federal Credit Union Helps
Families Connect with Deployed Loved Ones

Suitland, MD (November 3, 2009) – Andrews Federal Credit Union partnered with Operation Best Wishes to sponsor free holiday video messages for families of deployed service members. At the events, the Operation Best Wishes team set up a mobile webcast unit at Joint Base Andrews (MD) and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (NJ) to record greetings from families and friends for service members in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Perez family sends a video message through Operation Best Wishes at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ.

A total of 77 people taped messages for their loved ones during the events. Each recorded message was up to 10 minutes long and included songs, poems, updates, and words of encouragement. Service members could watch the message during live taping or access the archived recording later via secured website.

"When we heard about Operation Best Wishes, we immediately knew it was something we wanted to do this year for the military families we serve," says Suzanne Curren, Andrews Federal's Director of Public Relations & Community Development. "Andrews Federal provided this free service to help connect families of deployed service members and to give back to our military communities as a way of saying 'thank you' for their continued support."

In its sixth year, Operation Best Wishes has hosted thousands of military members, families, and friends at participating credit unions nationwide. Operation Best Wishes tours the U.S. from October through December each year to record webcast greetings. To learn more about Operation Best Wishes, visit **www.operationbestwishes.com**.

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Andrews Federal Credit Union was founded in 1948 to serve the civilian personnel of Andrews Air Force Base. Andrews Federal has grown to serve the District of Columbia, Andrews Air Force Base, McGuire Air Force Base (NJ), military installations in central Germany, Belgium, and the Netherlands, as well as many select employee groups in Maryland and New Jersey.

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