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FAMILIES EXPRESS Sentiments AS THEY WAIT IN GALVA

"We've just been

waiting. It's been

a long time."

Mary Rodriguez mother of Sgt. David Rodriguez

"I didn't get much sleep last night."

Jan Klausen,

mother of Spc. Jason Wittenauer and SSgt. Joshua Wittenauer

"Very excited."

Emily Piper

wife of Sgt. Nathan Piper

"I slept great.

I feel great."

Glenna Beckman

mother of Spc. Brian Beckman

"I feel better than I have in 18 months."

Jean Kuba mother of SFC Mike Kuba

"I'm doing great."

Peggy Squires

mother of Spc. Jestin Squires

"It was interesting to see all the signs up everywhere."

Vickie Thomas

mother of Spc. Charles Thomas

"It won't be real

until we see them."

Heather Swartz

fiancée of SSgt.

Joshua Wittenauer

"I can't believe this day is finally here."

Dick Sanford father of Spc. David Sanford "Nervous as h---. Excited beyond belief."

Mike Bowman

father of Spc. Tim Bowman

"Words can't

describe it."

Joe Kreps

father of Sgt. John Kreps

"I'm so excited. I'm speechless. It seems like the last 18 months went faster than it did because they're home. It's just amazing that we survived the last 18 months. They're here and they're safe."

Erica Brokaw

wife of Sgt. Daniel Brokaw

"Definitely happy to have him home. Proud of what he's done."

Mike Kreps

brother of Sgt. John Kreps

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