Research on the need for distancing during deployment suggests that the use of Skype during deployments complicates important distancing required for effective deployments. As a result, deployments are potentially more difficult than necessary. A self-reported survey was distributed to military members who were deployed within the last 6 months or who were currently deployed with Internet access. Results indicate that both military members and their significant others experience more distraction following a conversation on Skype, but only significant others experience a reduction in efficiency.

By: Theresa Mejia
Mentors:
Dr. John Evans
Dr. Jeff Haydu
Dr. Martha Lampland