

# Guide to the Alex Snyder Iraq War Materials, 2003- 2012

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## Overview of the Collection

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**Reference Code:** USGZE UHC341

**Accession Number:** 13-028, 15-030

**Collection Number:** University Historical Collection 341

**Creators:** Snyder, Alex (1986- )

**Title:** Alex Snyder Iraq War Materials

**Dates:** 2003-2011

**Quantity:** 1.2 linear feet (3 archives boxes)

**Location of Collection:** A9/2f

**Languages:** Collection materials are in English.

**Summary:** Alex Snyder was an infantry sergeant in the Wisconsin National Guard from 2005-2006 and 2008-2009. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Public History in 2011. The collection includes personal and military papers and photographs and videos.

## Biographical / Historical Note

Alexander Snyder was born January 18, 1986. He resided for most of his childhood in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, and graduated from Rice Lake High School in 2004. He enlisted in the Army National

Guard in October 2003, at the age of 17. He served two tours of duty in Iraq, one as an infantryman with the Wisconsin Army National Guard in 2005-2006, and one as a public affairs specialist (military journalist) with the Arizona Army National Guard in 2008-2009. In 2013, Alex re-enlisted in the Wisconsin Army National Guard to deploy to Qatar with his brother, Anton. This deployment was cancelled and Alex left the military the following year.

Alex attended UW-Barron County in 2005 and UW-Eau Claire from 2007-2008 and 2009-2011. He graduated in 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts in Public History.

Alex had a strong interest in photography, thoroughly documenting his service in the Army. Some of his photographs were published in *The Expeditionary Times*, an Army newspaper that his unit oversaw during their 2008-2009 deployment. Locally, Alex was interviewed by *The Spectator* for a February 7, 2008 news story about his time served in Iraq and how he documented it with his camera. The story is located at:

<http://www.spectatornews.com/studentlife/2008/02/07/through-a-soldiers-eyes/>

## Content Description

The collection contains personal and military papers, letters and email correspondence with family and friends, military newsletters and magazines, deployment materials, personal journals, awards, news stories, photographs and negatives, and 14 CDs containing photographs and videos taken by Alex and other soldiers.

## Administrative Information

**Acquisition Information:** Donated to the Special Collections & Archives, University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire by Alex Snyder in 2013.

**Access Restrictions:** Collection is open to the public. All military documents with personally identifiable information are closed until January 2064.

**Use Restrictions:** Researchers are responsible for using in accordance with 17 U.S.C. Copyright owned by the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire.

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## Subjects

Iraq War, 2003-2011

**Personal Names:** Snyder, Alex

**Corporate Names:** Wisconsin National Guard Army

**Geographical Terms:**

Iraq  
Arizona  
Kuwait  
Fort Dix, NJ  
Camp Shelby, MS  
Washington DC  
Maine  
Wisconsin  
Minnesota

## Detailed List of Contents

**Subseries 1:** Personal and military papers: letters and email correspondence with family and friends, military newsletters and magazines, deployment materials, personal journals, awards, and news stories.

Container	Contents	Dates
Box/Folder 1/1	Pre-Basic and Basic Training, and Pre Deployment	2003-2005
Box/Folder 1/2	First Deployment Materials	2005-2006
Box/Folder 1/3	Personal journals from first deployment	2005-2006
Box/Folder	Personal journal after first	Aug.-Sept. 2006

1/4	deployment	
Box/Folder 1/5	Miscellaneous Military Documents	2006-2008
Box/Folder 1/6	Mobilization & Deployment Orders	2005-2008
Box/Folder 1/7	Defense Information School Materials	2008
Box/Folder 1/8	Second Deployment Materials	2008-2009
Box/Folder 1/9	Personal Journal	2008-2009
Box/Folder 1/10	End of enlistment/Honorable discharge from Army	2009-2011

**Subseries 2:** Photographs and negatives, and 5 CDs containing photographs and videos taken by Alex and other soldiers.

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Box/Folder 2/1	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 154456	Developed 3/22/2006
Box/Folder 2/2	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 526034	Developed 3/22/2006
Box/Folder 2/3	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 526035	Developed 3/22/2006
Box/Folder 2/4	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 526036	Developed 3/22/2006

Box/Folder 2/5	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 526037	Developed 3/22/2006
Box/Folder 2/6	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 526038	Developed 3/22/2006
Box/Folder 2/7	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 526039	Developed 3/22/2006
Box/Folder 2/8	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 526040	Developed 3/22/2006
Box/Folder 2/9	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 526041	Developed 3/22/2006
Box/Folder 2/10	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 526042	Developed 3/22/2006
Box/Folder 2/11	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 526043	Developed 3/22/2006
Box/Folder 2/12	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 934233	Developed 5/7/2006
Box/Folder 2/13	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 934235	Developed 5/7/2006
Box/Folder 2/14	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 934236	Developed 5/7/2006
Box/Folder 2/15	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 934237	Developed 5/7/2006
Box/Folder 2/16	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 934238	Developed 5/7/2006
Box/Folder 2/17	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 934276	Developed 5/7/2006

Box/Folder 2/18	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 158963	Developed 6/3/2006
Box/Folder 2/19	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 158964	Developed 6/3/2006
Box/Folder 3/1	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 535304	Developed 8/14/2006
Box/Folder 3/2	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 535305	Developed 8/14/2006
Box/Folder 3/3	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 535306	Developed 8/14/2006
Box/Folder 3/4	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 535307	Developed August 2006
Box/Folder 3/5	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 742913, Alex developed after return 9/1/2006, off last mission and Camp Virginia	9/1/2006
Box/Folder 3/6	Photographs & Negatives, Roll 742914, Developed after Alex returned 9/1/2006	9/1/2006
Box/Folder 3/7	Photographs & Negatives,  Roll 145764, developed in Kuwait	Developed 12/5/2005
Box/Folder 3/8	Photographs & Negatives,  Roll 145965, developed in Kuwait	Developed 6/30/2006

Box/Folder 3/9	Photographs, Camp Shelby (No Negatives)	2005-2006
	Photographs, Negative roll	
Box/Folder 3/10	158966 (developed 6/3/2006)	2005-2006
Box/Folder 3	5 CDs containing photographs and videos taken by Alex and other soldiers (Iraq, Kuwait, Washington DC, Camp Shelby, Fort Dix, Maine, Wisconsin/Minnesota on leave)	2006

## Alex Snyder Collection, UHC 341, Photograph CDs

- “Mailed 03-05-06 Alex Iraq Rec’d 3-20-06, 683 MB, 11 rolls”; contains photographs for corresponding print rolls: 154456, 526034, 526035, 526036, 536037, 526038, 526039, 526040, 526041, 526042, 526043
- “Leave Pics by mom, family pics 1-25-06”; Family pictures and pictures from on leave in 2006 (a few of the photographs have prints in the “Photographs, 20052006, Negative Roll 158966 (developed 6/3/2006)” folder) (I think he wrote about being on leave in his journals – going up to the Twin Cities, etc.)
- “Alex Iraq mailed home 5-12-06, 158963, 158964, 158966”; contains photographs for corresponding print rolls: 158963, 158964, 158966 has negatives but no prints
- “6 folders film sent home May 2006, from March/April 2006 Alex Iraq”; contains photographs for corresponding print rolls: 934276 (934232 on CD), 934233, 934235, 934236, 934237, 934238
- “Alex Aug Sept 2006 Deployment”; contains photographs for corresponding print rolls: 535304, 535305, 535306, 535307, 742913, 742914