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

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 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

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family and friends, military newsletters and magazines, deployment materials, personal journals, awards, and news stories.

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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.

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Photographs & Negatives, Roll 145965, developed in Kuwait Developed 6/30/2006

Photographs, Camp Shelby (No Negatives) 2005-2006

Photographs, Negative roll


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)

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)

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