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An Interview with Martin A. Prickett

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SGT Martin A. Prickett, *Veterans' Remember*, VRT-A-L-2012-045

Biographical Information Overview of Interview: SGT Martin Prickett was born on March 7th, 1983 in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, where he attended school. He joined the Iowa Army National Guard in 2001 while still in high school. He served in Kuwait from December 2003 until January 2005 at Camp Buehring with the 1088th Personnel Section, an Iowa Army National Guard unit. He was deployed a second time, this time attached to Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 194th Field Artillery (also Iowa National Guard) to Forward Operating Base Fenty at Jalalabad Army Airfield, Afghanistan in 2011. This interview recounts his experiences in a large staging base in Kuwait where he assisted in sending and receiving troops into Iraq. It contrasts these experiences with the more dangerous and unsettled conditions in Afghanistan. SGT Prickett also reflects on his experiences in the Iowa National Guard, and the disruption caused by two deployments. Between deployments, he attended the Schawnborg Art Institute in Chicago and currently lives in Galesburg, IL.

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