

Alcor Memory Boxes

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In the early 2000s, Alcor started a project to allow Alcor members, and family and friends of patients to store memory items that might be useful when the patient is resuscitated. It has been some time since Alcor has reminded its members about this project.

Alcor's Memory Boxes are meant to serve as a time-capsule or a scrap book to help the individual member augment their memories when they are revived. We encourage members to give thought to what they would like to have waiting for them when they are resuscitated. No one knows better than you what you will want to have with you. So put together items while you are still able and keep adding items as the years pass. By keeping your Box or Boxes at your home or some location convenient you will be able to review the items in your Box every year or so, removing items that are no longer relevant, adding other meaningful things. At this time, Alcor does not have a way to store these memory Boxes for members while they are still living.

Some of the most popular items that have been placed into storage are such things as letters, cards, photographs, diaries, journals, notebooks, books, clippings, army records, directories, recipes, video tapes, cassettes, medical records, flash drives, and external drives. Have you ever gone to visit family members and sat down with a photo album

A Number	UNVS ID	UNVS Location	Last Name	First Name	Date Cryo	Description of Items	On Stored
A-1001-001	960098	1200020806				Books, photos, files, letters	1997
A-1001-002	960102	1200019823				WWII Memorabilia, files	1997
						See also MISC-002 (watch, WWII Report)	2016
A-1001-003	9480218	06866				Medical Case, WWII: Original First Army Report	2017
A-1003-001	8241764	01A7007				1 TB hard drive, 2 TB hard drive	2016
						computer drive coins	2015
A-1030-001	3261523	08C0082A19				Photos, movies, Born & Born videos	2002
						Note: See also box MISC-001	2016
A-1036-001	2860017	13C128A24				Scripts, sheet music, newspaper clippings	1991
A-1036-002	2860018	13C128A25				Army records, correspondence, newspaper clippings, scripts	1991
A-1036-003	2860019	13C127A22				Scripts, correspondence, 3 x reel tapes	1991
A-1036-004	2860020	13C126A26				Photographs, reel tapes	1991
A-1036-005	2860021	13C128A23				Address books, reels, spiral notebooks, calendars	1991
A-1036-006	2860022	13C128A23				Scripts, correspondence, clippings	1991
A-1036-007	2860023	13C128A26				Scripts, correspondence, clippings, sketchbooks	1991
A-1036-008	2860024	13C128B23				Scripts, correspondence, clippings, photos w/magazine	1991
A-1036-009	2860025	13C128A27				Cryonics correspondence, clippings	1991
A-1036-010	2860026	13C127B23				Scripts, documents, 6 x videotapes, (1) index card file, (3) reel tapes	1991
A-1036-011	2860027	13C128A27				Script ideas, correspondence, 3 x tapes	1991
A-1036-012	2860028	13C128B24				Scripts, correspondence, yearbooks, miscellaneous personal items	1991

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and had the experience of having memories flood back into your consciousness as a result of a particular photo? An experience you thought you had forgotten?

That is what the Memory Boxes are about; helping you to recover memories after your resuscitation by having available resources that might stimulate memories. One mother

sends her cryopreserved son a letter every year on his birthday. We place those letters into a Memory Box for that member.

We do keep an inventory here at Alcor when items are sent for storage, and the individual specific inventory is kept in the individual patient record as well as on our server.

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UV&S Patient Inventory

Alcor does make available to every member and patient, without charge, one acid free Memory Box about the size of a standard banker's box (H10" x W12" x L15") for memorabilia to be stored underground at a commercial storage site called Underground Vaults and Storage (UGVS) in Kansas. Additional Boxes are a

one-time charge of \$250 each for perpetual storage.

UV&S is located in an extremely geologically-stable salt mine and stores items 650 feet below ground in Kansas. They have been in business since 1959 providing secure storage for a large range of both corporations and small businesses



UV&S Building Kansas

(like Alcor) as well as state and federal government departments, courts and attorney offices.



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Their website (www.undergroundvaults.com) describes their facility this way:

“A well-planned, located and constructed underground storage facility is virtually impervious to natural and manmade disaster. Its atmosphere is cool, dry, and



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stable. It hides sensitive information from prying eyes, and is infinitely customizable. Though items may be stored miles away, the storage company must meet client needs for fast and secure access.

“Our premiere salt mine facility offers unrivaled protection. Wrapped in a 400 ft. thick rock salt cocoon, located 650 ft. below the earth’s surface, and accessible only by vertical freight elevator, it is one of the largest and most secure storage facilities in the world. Two limestone mines facilities offer drive-up dock access, proximity to larger cities, and refrigerated storage.



Pelican Case

“When disaster strikes, you’ll know your items are safe with Underground Vaults and Storage.”

UV&S is not limited to storing acid-free Boxes. They can also store larger items and irregular items, such as locked pelican cases or even museum artifacts. The cost for such things would need to be paid for by the member or family, but Alcor is happy to help with the details.

If you would like to begin working on your own Memory Box, or perhaps would like to contribute items to a Box for an Alcor Member already in stasis, or if you have any questions, please send me an email at linda@alcor.org or call me toll free at 877-462-5267 extension 115. ■



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