



4th Infantry Division



Military Intelligence  
Insignia

**James Michael Wert**  
**Staff Sergeant U.S. Army**  
**30 August 1968 – 27 August 1970**

James was born on 19 July 1946 in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he attended grade school and graduated from William Allen High School in 1964. Prior to entering the Army, he attended Houghton College in Houghton, New York, for four years, majoring in Philosophy. James enlisted in the Army in Allentown as a Private on 30 August 1968, and was assigned to Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he underwent basic and intelligence training. He left Fort Dix in October 1969 for service in Vietnam, where he was assigned to the 4th Military Intelligence Company, 4th Infantry ("Ivy") Division, based at Camp Holloway near Pleiku. While there, he performed Intelligence and Operations duties in support of combat operations in the western Central Highlands along the border between Cambodia and Vietnam. While in Vietnam, James rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Army Commendation Medal, in addition to the Vietnam Service Medal and Vietnam Campaign Medal. James returned to the States and was discharged on 27 August 1970 in Allentown. He married **Linda Lee Feller** on 21 November 1970, in Penfield, New York. James took classes for several years at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from which he graduated and was ordained a Presbyterian minister while living in Midway, Pennsylvania. He obtained his Doctorate of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. James and his family subsequently moved to take Pastorates in Amarillo and Houston, Texas; Hutchison, Kansas; and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. James and Linda had two children: **Stephanie L. Wert** and **Brandon Wert**. James died on 10 August 2001 in Oklahoma City. James's parents were **James Samuel Wert** (18 December 1919 – 13 October 1994), who served in the Army during World War II, and **Mae Pauline Decker** (born 21 May 1922). James's brother, **Barton E. Wert**, also served in Vietnam (1967 – 1968), and his other brother, **David Alan Wert**, made a career of the Naval Service, serving in both the Marine Corps and the Navy during the period 1973 to 1996.