



Navy Musician

David Alan Wert
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September 1973 – 1980 1981 – March 1996

David was born on 7 March 1955 in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he attended Hiram Dodd Grade School, South Mountain Junior High School, and William Allen High School. After graduating from high school in 1973, he enlisted in the Marine Corps in September and was sent to Parris Island for three months recruit training. In January 1974, he attended the Armed Forces School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia, for six months, graduating in July 1974 with the occupational specialty of Musician, and starting a 23-year career in the Naval Service as a Musician in various Marine Corps and Navy Bands. He was first sent to Iwakuni, Japan, where he was stationed from August 1974 to August 1975 and then returned to the School of Music in Norfolk from September 1975 to January 1980, this time assigned as an instructor at the school. David separated from the Marine Corps in January of 1980. In April of 1981, David enlisted in the Navy, and was assigned to Norfolk Naval Base from April 1981 to December 1983, and then returned to attend the School of Music in Norfolk again for six months. After that he was assigned to the Naval Station at Great Lakes, Illinois, from June 1984 to November 1985. His next assignments were to Washington, D.C., from November 1985 to June 1988, where he was commissioned an Ensign in 1987; Seattle Naval Base, Washington, from June 1988 to June 1992; and finally to the School of Music in Norfolk once again from July 1992 to March 1996, after which he retired from the Navy as a Lieutenant at Little Creek Amphibious Base in Virginia. For his service, David was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal and two Navy Commendation Medals. David went to live and settle in Edmonds, Washington, after he left the Navy. David'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). David's brothers, **Barton E. Wert** and **James M. Wert**, served in the Army from 6 September 1966 to 5 September 1972 and 30 August 1968 to 27 August 1970, respectively.

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