Sergeant First Class William F. Ward graduated High School in Lansing, Michigan January 1978. He entered active duty for the first time in March 1978. During the force reduction draw down in 1992 SFC Ward left active duty pursue other career interests and joined the Individual Ready Reserve. SFC Ward was activated and mobilized from reserve status in March of 2002 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Following 2 years of mobilized reserve status he re-enlisted in the active Army.

During his 27 year career SFC Ward's assignments include: Field Station Berlin in Germany (2 tours); 107th MI BN (CEWI), 7th Infantry Division at Fort Ord California; Field Station Sinop in Turkey; 105th MI BN, Bad Aibling Germany; Menwith Hill Station in Harrogate England (2 tours), and United States Army Intelligence Center and School, at NTTC Corry Station, Pensacola Florida. SFC Ward has served at all levels of NCO leadership from Squad Leader to First Sergeant.

SFC Ward's awards and decorations include: Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal, 4th Award; Joint Services Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, 2nd Award; Good Conduct Medal 4th Award, Army of Occupation Medal (Berlin), and Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device.

SFC Ward has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Excelsior College. He is a graduate of the EW SIGINT Non-Morse Interceptor Course (05K), EW SIGINT VHF/UHF Interceptor Course, the Senior Non-Morse Signals Analyst Course, and the Senior Cryptologic Analyst's Supervisor Course. SFC Ward has attended all Non-Commissioned Officer's Education Courses from PLDC to ANCOC, earning Honors at BNCOC and ANCOC. He also has attended the Instructor Training Course at NTTC Corry Station, Pensacola, the USASMA Battle Staff NCO Course and First Sergeant Course.