



This guy has a stylish looking jacket, I want it, and one day I'll get it. James' jacket is very cool, but where did it come from?

Fucking Vietnam, thats where.

But I know what some of you may be thinking, "How the fuck did you come to that conclusion".

I'll tell you how, but before we get to James, we gotta talk about Frank Sunderland.

He's old. How old? No-one knows for sure, however, it's often theorized that he is somewhere in his 60's. For the sake of argument, let's say that during the events of Silent Hill 4, Frank is 65. As Silent Hill 4 is often theorized to be taking place in 2001, that would place Frank birthday as somewhere in the year 1936. Back to the Vietnam War, the Vietnam War started in 1955, and guess who would have turned 18 just one year prior to that? Frank was. But, as per the draft lottery rules, he would never have been picked, as he would have been too old even by the earliest lottery in December 1969.

You know who wouldn't have been too old? James. If we were to take this theory seriously, James would have had to have been born sometime in 1952, perhaps he was a bastard child. His mother is never mentioned in any of the James, maybe she fucking died (as we know, wife and potential mother figures must die in the SH universe, its the law), maybe she saw that James was gonna be trouble in the future and thought "fuck no, im not being apart of this". In any case, it would have left Frank a single father, having to raise James.

So while Frank would have been an ineligible draftee, James would not have been so lucky. The 1971 Draft Lottery was based on men born in the year 1952. James, in this theory, would have been born in 1952, therefore, he would have been eligible for the draft, and thus, shipped off to Vietnam.

How does this all come back to the jacket? Simple. The jacket, an M65 Field Jacket, first started being issued to military members during, you guessed it, the Vietnam War. It is almost certain that, given these circumstances, during his time in the war, James was given this jacket, and, upon return to his home, decided "this is a snazzy jacket, i'd definitely smother my future wife to death with a pillow in this jacket".

Assuming that James served the typical 1 year of deployment of a young draftee in the Vietnam War, James would have returned home in 1972. His mental state following deployment is up for debate, however I personally think he did what any young man with mental illness does, ignore it until it becomes too much.

In the years following, James would meet Mary, and everyone would live happily ever after.

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Except now the question becomes, "well, when did SH2 take place?", simple to answer.

James, upon completion of his service, he would return home in 1972, which means that he is about to turn 20. This would place Silent Hill 2, in this theory, in 1982, as James is 29 during the events of Silent Hill 2.

"How the fuck did you come to that conclusion?" You repeat shit a lot, don't you?

I'll explain anyway, or rather, Masahiro Ito will explain.

In a tweet from January 26th 2021, Masahiro Ito said "That song was released in 1967. And we've set SH2 in the late '70s or the early '80s. Also the organ part of that song makes me feel nostalgia or regret. I still don't understand exactly what the lyricist meant, but "as so it was later" sounds like James' feeling at that time." The original tweet can be seen here

<https://twitter.com/adsk4/status/1354134921502027776>

Therefore, "early 80's" would check out to 1982, and thus, in this theory, Silent Hill 2 takes place in 1982.

So yeah, I think James is a veteran of the Vietnam War. Why does Maria look like Christina Aguilera? Because James was fucking horny, idk.