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Bernard Loeffke leads the not-for-profit organization “Helping Others Today (HOT)” supporting the Friendship Fund of the United States Military Academy with the purpose to foster friendships between young leaders of China, the former Soviet Union, and the United States of America. Loeffke was the first U.S. Army General assigned to the American Embassy in China after the Communist takeover. During that time, he also was the first American to jump with Communist Chinese parachute units. He culminated his military career as the Commanding General of United States Army South. He commanded special forces and parachute infantry units, advised the Vietnamese Airborne, served as the army attaché to the Soviet Union during the height of the Cold War, and served

as the defense attaché to the People’s Republic of China. Loeffke wrote *From Warrior to Healer* which summarizes his life’s transition, as well as *The Least Beastly* which shares his vision for helping others internationally. He has also coauthored *Our America, Our China*, written to commemorate the thirty-fifth anniversary of the first White House Fellows visit to China, in which both he and Colin Powell participated. He maintains professional fluency in several foreign languages including Spanish, Portuguese, French, Russian, and Mandarin Chinese. During his distinguished military career, Loeffke earned four silver stars, five bronze stars and a purple heart. Loeffke received a BS in engineering from West Point Academy, and has an MA in Russian and a PhD in political science.