West Point graduate Ray Jefferson’s 2001 Fulbright grant took him to Singapore, where he focused on leadership practices in the public sector and the state of social entrepreneurship as it applies to the physically challenged. In addition to his research and presentations to civic groups in the area, Captain Jefferson collaborated with senior city officials and volunteered in the disabled community, working with a local organization to teach physical fitness to wheelchair-bound teens.

Jefferson is currently pursuing a career in public service as deputy director of Hawaii’s Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism. “The Fulbright … has strengthened my desire to engage in public sector leadership with global implications,” he states. “My long-term career aspiration is to serve our nation and the local community as a leader in a position requiring senior-level management ability, an international perspective and an understanding of global imperatives. Fulbright has been extraordinary preparation for these aspirations.”

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