

## Larry M. Wortzel, Ph.D.

Dr. Larry M. Wortzel has decades of experience in intelligence, international trade and economics, foreign policy, national security, and military strategy. He had a distinguished 32-year military career, retiring as an Army colonel in 1999. His last military position was as director of the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College. Dr. Wortzel spent four years an Army counterintelligence special agent and investigator assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

After his retirement from the Army, he was director of the Asian Studies Center of The Heritage Foundation and then vice president for foreign policy and defense studies at Heritage. Dr. Wortzel is a commissioner on the congressionally-appointed U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Following three years in the Marine Corps and attending college, Wortzel enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1970. His first assignment with the Army Security Agency took him to Thailand, where he focused on Chinese military communications in Vietnam and Laos. Within three years he had graduated Infantry Officer Candidate School, as well as both the Airborne and Ranger schools.

After serving four years as an infantry officer, Wortzel shifted to military intelligence, assigned to the Intelligence Center Pacific, part of the U.S. Pacific Command, from 1978 to 1982. He then attended the National University of Singapore where he studied advanced Chinese and traveled in Asia. Wortzel was next assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, developing counterintelligence programs to protect America from foreign espionage as well as investigating suspected espionage. He also managed programs to gather foreign intelligence for the Army Intelligence and Security Command.

From 1988–1990, Wortzel was Assistant Army Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in China, where he witnessed and reported on the Tiananmen Massacre. After assignments as an Army strategist and as an intelligence personnel manager, he returned to the American Embassy in China in 1995 as the Army Attaché.

In December 1997, Wortzel became a faculty member of the U.S. Army War College, serving as director of the Strategic Studies Institute. He retired from the Army as a colonel.

Dr. Wortzel's books include *Class in China: Stratification in a Classless Society* (Greenwood Press, 1987); *China's Military Modernization: International Implications* (Greenwood, 1988); *The Chinese Armed Forces in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Carlisle, PA, 1999); and *Dictionary of Contemporary Chinese Military History* (Greenwood, 1999). He has edited six other books on China and contributed chapters to books on Chinese military history, war-fighting doctrine, and Asia-related strategy issues. His expert views on China and Asia have been sought by such publications as *The Wall Journal*, *The Washington Times*, *The New York Times*, *Tribune Newspapers*, *National Journal*, *Asahi Shimbun*, and *Sankei Shimbun*. Wortzel has appeared on *The PBS News Hour*, *The History Channel*, Fox News, CNN, MSNBC, BBC, and Al Jazeera. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the International Institute of Strategic Studies.

Wortzel's newest book, *The Dragon Extends its Reach: Chinese Military Power Goes Global* will be published by Potomac Books, Inc. next month ([www.potomacbooksinc.com](http://www.potomacbooksinc.com)).

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