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Rear Admiral Michael McDevitt, US Navy (Ret.) is a senior fellow with CNA Strategic Studies. Over his 15 years at CNA, as both a vice president and now as a fellow, he has had a number of papers dealing with security issues in Asia published. His most recent research focus has been the maritime security issues along the Indo-Pacific littoral and the maritime dimension of China's national strategy.

During his navy career, McDevitt spent his operational time in the Pacific, including a two year assignment in Sasebo, Japan. He held four at-sea commands, including an aircraft carrier battle-group. He was the Director of the East Asia Policy office for the Secretary of Defense during the George H.W. Bush Administration. He also served for two years as the Director for Strategy, War Plans and Policy (J-5) for US CINCPAC. McDevitt concluded his 34 year active duty career as the Commandant of the National War College in Washington, DC.

He is a graduate of the University of Southern California and has a Master's Degree in U.S. Diplomatic History in East Asia for Georgetown University. McDevitt spent a year in residence at the U.S. Naval War College as a member of the CNO's Strategic Studies Group. He is also a graduate of the National War College.