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WWII Hero Tells His Story Nine Years After Own Death

SPRINGFIELD, IL (June 12, 2015) – Navy veteran Joseph McDevitt passed away in February 2006 at the age of 88, but a new memoir recalls his WWII experiences in his own words.

All Came Home is the gripping, true story of junior reserve officer Joe McDevitt as told through letters written to his family from the Pacific while serving as Boat Group Commander aboard the attack transport USS Leon APA 48 during operations at Saipan, Palau, Leyte, Luzon and Okinawa.

The story provides detailed accounts of ground-shaking bombardments and insidious sniper attacks on the beaches, artillery and mortar barrages falling upon small boats on the open water, and terrifying kamikaze attacks. It also tells the story of a man torn between the love of a woman and the love of his country.

The book is authored by Paul McDevitt, an emeritus professor in business administration at the University of Illinois Springfield and the second of eleven McDevitt children.

“Back in 2009, a member of the family discovered an old box that contained letters my father had written and sent home from the Pacific,” Paul McDevitt remembers. “When I read them through from beginning to end, I was amazed at the story they told and thought they should be shared with others.”

Paul spent six years seamlessly combining the letters with national archival documents and pictures, period newspaper accounts, historical and family records, and additional commentary to create a personal narrative in his father's voice that provides insights not available in any other source of its kind.

“I wrote *All Came Home* to tell my father's story, not realizing initially that this was also the story of many others who served in the amphibious forces during WWII,” McDevitt explained. “It is the shared story of millions of men and women who served.”

All Came Home was produced by Killian Publishers in association with Publish Pros and is currently available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and other online book retailers in paperback (\$19.95) and hardback (\$24.95).

To learn more about the book or to schedule an interview with Paul McDevitt, visit AllCameHome.com or find “Paul McDevitt, Author” on Facebook.

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