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## Springfield Author To Hold Special Book Presentation

**SPRINGFIELD, IL (October 26, 2015)** – Paul McDevitt, author of the biography *All Came Home*, will be visiting Chatham Area Public Library on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at 6:00 pm to read from his book and provide further insight into the life of the man on which his book is based– his father, Joe McDevitt. The presentation, titled “The Making of *All Came Home*,” is free and open to the public.

*All Came Home* presents a gripping account of junior reserve officer Joe McDevitt and the men in his boat division who participated in amphibious assaults at Saipan, Angaur, Leyte, Luzon, and Okinawa. The story details ground-shaking bombardments and insidious sniper attacks, artillery and mortar barrages, terrifying kamikaze attacks, the struggle of a man torn between the love of a woman and the love of his country.

McDevitt, spent six years seamlessly combining his father’s letters home 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 historical source of its kind.

Chatham Area Public Library is located at 600 E Spruce St, Chatham, IL, and can be reached by phone at (217) 483-2713.

To learn more about Paul or *All Came Home*, please visit [www.AllCameHome.com](http://www.AllCameHome.com).

### About Paul McDevitt

McDevitt holds a bachelor of science degree in economics from Southern Illinois University and a Ph. D. in economics from Tulane University. He has spent thirty-one years as an educator with New Mexico State University and the University of Illinois Springfield, retaining associate professor emeritus status with the latter. A full media kit is available at [www.allcamehome.com/media/McDevitt\\_MediaKit.pdf](http://www.allcamehome.com/media/McDevitt_MediaKit.pdf)

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### Available Photography

Paul McDevitt, author (Credit: Paul McDevitt)  
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Joe McDevitt, Rear Admiral aboard the USS Leon, 1944 (Credit: Paul McDevitt)  
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