

## **Michael McDevitt Biography**

Rear Admiral Michael McDevitt is currently a Senior Fellow at the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA), a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) located in Arlington, Virginia.

During his 34-year naval career, McDevitt held four at-sea commands, including command of an aircraft carrier battle group. He spent all of his operational time in the Pacific, including a two-year assignment in Sasebo, Japan. McDevitt was a Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group Fellow at the Naval War College and has been the Director of the East Asia Policy Office for the Secretary of Defense. He also served as the Director for Strategy, War Plans and Policy (J-5) for U.S. CINCPAC. McDevitt concluded his active-duty career as the Commandant of the National War College in Washington, D.C.

Following retirement from active duty, he founded CNA's Asia focused *Project Asia*, and subsequently CNA's *Strategic Studies* division in 2000. Since stepping down as a Vice President he has been active as a Senior Fellow, leading several major projects related to maritime disputes in the East and South China Seas and China's ambition to become a "great" maritime power. He also developed a major project that analyzed significant security issues along the entire Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean littoral from a maritime perspective, foreshadowing the current strategic formulation of the "Indo-Pacific." His other expertise includes strategy, war planning and naval operations worldwide.

McDevitt holds an M.A. in American Diplomatic History from Georgetown University and a B.A. in U.S. History from the University of Southern California. He is also a graduate of the National War College.