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McDevitt, Les (North Cascades 1948)

Les, 87, died May 27, 2016, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. He was born August 1, 1928, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He graduated from St. John's Military School in Delafield, Wisconsin, and attended the University of Cincinnati. Les enlisted in the US Navy and served five years as a carrier fighter pilot on the USS Midway. He was a Navy Reservist for fifteen years and retired as a Commander. Following active duty, he was a commercial pilot for Pan American World Airways where he captained 747 jumbo jets for 33 years.

Les jumped at NCSB 1948-50 and was a Life Member of the NSA.

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