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# SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY JEH JOHNSON, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS JONATHAN GREENERT AND COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS NOMINEE GENERAL JOSEPH DUNFORD JOIN PROGRAM LINE-UP AT THE REAGAN NATIONAL DEFENSE FORUM: BUILDING PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH FOR AMERICAN SECURITY THE REAGAN LIBRARY, NOVEMBER 15, 2014

SPEAKERS ALSO INCLUDE GENERAL MARTIN DEMPSEY,

ADMIRAL MICHAEL ROGERS, SECRETARY DEBORAH LEE JAMES,

GENERAL RAYMOND ODIERNO, SECRETARY ROBERT GATES, SECRETARY LEON

PANETTA, AND CONGRESSMAN HOWARD "BUCK" MCKEON

(SIMI VALLEY, Calif.) - The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation has announced an updated program schedule, including an updated list of speakers, for its upcoming Reagan National Defense Forum to be held on November 15, 2014. The Reagan National Defense Forum brings together leaders and key stakeholders in the defense community – including members of Congress, civilian officials and military leaders from the Defense Department and industry – to address the health of our national defense and to stimulate discussions that promotes policies to strengthen the United States military into the future.

Multiple panels will be held throughout the day, with General Martin Dempsey delivering the luncheon keynote address.

## Panels include:

- Defense After the Election: How Will Midterm Elections and the Start of the Presidential Primaries
   Impact National Defense
- Reforming How the Pentagon Does Business: What Does it Take to Roll Back the Red Tape
- Cyberwar: The Role of Cyber in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Warfare
- A View of Defense from Wall Street
- From the Situation Room: A View of Defense from the White House
- Rethinking the Industrial Base: How Can the Pentagon capitalize on and incentivize innovation
- The U.S. in Europe, the Middle East and Asia: How do we Strengthen and Build Alliances in the 21<sup>st</sup>
   Century
- Heroism and Valor in Today's Battlefield

An Honorary Steering Committee, chaired by Congressman Buck McKeon, includes Robert Gates,

Duncan L. Hunter, James Inhofe, Ann McLaughlin Korologos, Carl Levin, Sam Nunn, George Shultz, Adam Smith, John Warner and Pete Wilson.

An updated list of panelists and attendees include, in alphabetical order:

# **Department of Defense/Military**

- General Martin E. Dempsey, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
- The Honorable Ash Carter, Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense
- General Joseph Dunford, Commander of International, Security Assistance Force, USMC
- The Honorable Eric Edelman, Former Ambassador to Finland & Turkey, Former Undersecretary of Defense for Policy
- The Honorable Michele Flournoy, Chief Executive Officer, Center for a New American Security and Former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
- The Honorable Robert Gates, Former U.S. Secretary of Defense, Former Director of the CIA
- Admiral Jonathan Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations, USN
- The Honorable Stephen Hadley, Former National Security Advisor
- The Honorable Deborah Lee James, Secretary of the U.S. Air Force
- The Honorable Jeh Johnson, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- The Honorable Frank Kendall, U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics
- General Raymond Odierno, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army
- The Honorable Leon Panetta, Former U.S. Secretary of Defense, Former Director of the CIA
- General Arnold Punaro (Ret.), Chairman, National Defense Industries Association
- Admiral Michael Rogers, Director, National Security Agency, Chief, Central Security Services Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, USN
- The Honorable Michael Vickers, U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence
- The Honorable Dov Zakheim, Former U.S. Under Secretary of Defense (CFO)

# **Elected Officials:**

- Senator John McCain, SASC Member, Arizona
- Congressman Howard P. "Buck" McKeon, HASC Chairman, California
- Congressman Adam Smith, HASC Ranking Member, Washington
- Senator Jim Talent, Former Senator, Missouri
- Congressman Mac Thornberry, HASC Member, Texas

## **Business:**

- Mr. Hossein Amir-Aslani, Managing Director, Morgan Stanley
- Mr. Denis Bovin, Chairman and Managing Partner, Palimere Group
- Mr. Wes Bush, Chairman, President and CEO, Northrop Grumman
- The Honorable John Goodman, COO, Accenture Federal Services
- Ms. Marillyn Hewson, Chairman, President and CEO, Lockheed Martin
- Dr. Thomas Kennedy, Chief Executive Officer, Raytheon
- The Honorable William Lynn, III, CEO, DRS Technologies and Finmeccanica NA
- Mr. Stephen R. Perry, Managing Director, Janes Capital Partners
- Mr. Mike Petters, President and CEO, Huntington Ingalls Industries

## Media:

- Mr. Julian Barnes, National Security Reporter, The Wall Street Journal
- Ms. Jennifer Griffin, National Security Correspondent, FOX News
- Mr. Thom Shanker, Pentagon Correspondent, The New York Times
- Ms. Barbara Starr, Pentagon Correspondent, CNN

The registration fee for the conference is \$249 per person and includes free admission into the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum and Air Force One Pavilion. Active military, government personnel and students are \$149 per person. Registration details and more information on the conference can be found at <a href="https://www.reaganfoundation.org/defense">www.reaganfoundation.org/defense</a>.

Following the day's panels, the evening will conclude with the presentation of the second annual *Ronald Reagan Peace Through Strength Award*. This year's recipients are Senator John McCain and Secretary Leon Panetta. The *Ronald Reagan Peace Through Strength Award* recognizes the exemplary dedication and service of individuals in the defense of the United States and its people. The evening award presentation is not a part of the Reagan National Defense Forum conference. As such, ticket holders to the daytime Forum will not also be a part of the award presentations.

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the legacy of Ronald Reagan and his timeless principles of individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy, and national pride. It sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center and The Air Force One Pavilion. Located in Simi Valley, California the Library houses 63 million pages of Gubernatorial, Presidential and personal papers and over 60,000 gifts and artifacts chronicling the lives of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It now also serves as the final resting place of America's 40th President. www.reaganfoundation.org

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