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**Secretary of Defense Dr. Mark T. Esper to Deliver Keynote Address at
7th Annual Reagan National Defense Forum**

SIMI VALLEY, California - The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced that United States Secretary of Defense Dr. Mark T. Esper will deliver the keynote address at the seventh annual Reagan National Defense Forum (RNDF) on Saturday, December 7.

“Dr. Esper has served this country both in the military and in the private sector with great distinction for many years. We look forward to hearing his unique perspective on the national security challenges we face and how he is leading the Department of Defense in addressing them,” said John Heubusch of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. “The Reagan National Defense Forum is the premier gathering for defense and national security experts, and Dr. Esper’s speech is sure to make the 2019 Forum a can’t-miss event.”

Dr. Esper currently serves as the 27th United States Secretary of Defense and previously served as the 23rd United States Secretary of the Army. He retired from the U.S. Army in 2007 after spending 10 years on active duty and 11 years in the National Guard and Army Reserve, and has since held many high level positions in both the public and private sectors.

Each year, the Forum brings together hundreds of leaders and key stakeholders in the defense community—including members of Congress, civilian officials and military leaders from the Department of Defense and industry—to address the state of our national defense and threats to our national security.

The 2019 Forum will be held on December 6th and 7th at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California.

For more information, visit www.rndf.org or follow RNDF on Twitter at [@ReaganDefense](https://twitter.com/ReaganDefense).

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About the Reagan Foundation and Institute:

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is the nonprofit organization created by President Reagan himself and specifically charged by him with continuing his legacy and sharing his principles - individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy and national pride. The Foundation is a non-partisan organization which sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, CA, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, the Presidential Learning Center, The Air Force One Pavilion and the award-winning Discovery Center, as well as the Reagan Institute, which carries out the Foundation's work in Washington, D.C. The Reagan Library houses over 55 million pages of Gubernatorial, Presidential and personal papers and over 60,000 gifts and artifacts chronicling the lives of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It also serves as the final resting place of America's 40th President and his First Lady.
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