



**National Security
Innovation Base**
Summit

March 19-20, 2024 | Ronald Reagan Institute | Washington, DC

AGENDA

Subject to Change

Tuesday, March 19

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Cocktail Reception

Reagan Institute Rooftop

Wednesday, March 20

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM

Registration and Breakfast

8:45 AM – 8:50 AM

Welcome

- ▶ **Mr. Roger Zakheim**, Director, Ronald Reagan Institute

8:50 AM – 9:05 AM

Unveiling the 2024 NSIB Report Card

- ▶ **Ms. Rachel Hoff**, Policy Director, Ronald Reagan Institute
- ▶ **Mr. Dale Swartz**, Partner, McKinsey and Company

9:10 AM – 9:35 AM

Fireside Chat

Speakers

- ▶ **Rep. Adam Smith**, Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee
- ▶ **Sen. Todd Young**, U.S. Senate, Indiana
- ▶ Moderator: **Mr. Joe Gould**, Defense Reporter, *Politico*

9:40 AM – 10:15 AM

Lessons Learned from New Innovation Initiatives

Speakers

- ▶ **Hon. Douglas R. Bush**, U.S. Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology
- ▶ **Mr. Raj Shah**, Managing Partner, Shield Capital
- ▶ **Gen. James C. Slife**, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force
- ▶ **Hon. Mac Thornberry**, Former Chair, House Armed Services Committee
- ▶ Moderator: **Mr. Aaron Mehta**, Editor in Chief, *Breaking Defense*

10:20 AM – 10:55 AM

The Farthest Frontier: Innovation in Space

Speakers

- ▶ **Gen. Michael A. Guetlein**, Vice Chief of Space Operations, U.S. Space Force
- ▶ **Sen. Mark Kelly**, U.S. Senate, Arizona
- ▶ **Mr. Joe Laurienti**, Founder and CEO, Ursa Major
- ▶ **Dr. Christopher Scolese**, Director, National Reconnaissance Office
- ▶ Moderator: **Ms. Jacqueline Feldscher**, Managing Editor, *Payload*

11:00 AM – 11:20 AM

Fireside Chat

Speakers

- ▶ **Sen. Joni Ernst**, U.S. Senate, Iowa
- ▶ **Hon. Anne Neuberger**, Deputy National Security Advisor for Cyber and Emerging Technology
- ▶ Moderator: **Ms. Ellen Nakashima**, National Security Reporter, *The Washington Post*



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11:25 AM – 12:00 PM	On Demand: Signaling to Suppliers Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Ms. Katherine Boyle, General Partner, Andreessen Horowitz▶ Mr. Eric M. DeMarco, President and CEO, Kratos Defense▶ Dr. Jason Rathje, Director, Office of Strategic Capital, U.S. Department of Defense▶ Mr. Trae' Stephens, Co-Founder and Executive Chairman, Anduril Industries▶ Moderator: Ms. Courtney McBride, Diplomacy and National Security Correspondent, <i>Bloomberg News</i>
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	Lunch Buffet <i>Reagan Institute Rooftop</i>
1:00 PM – 1:25 PM	Fireside Chat Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Hon. Heidi Shyu, U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering▶ Rep. Rob Wittman, Vice Chairman, House Armed Services Committee▶ Moderator: Mr. Oren Liebermann, Pentagon Correspondent, <i>CNN</i>
1:30 PM – 1:45 PM	Conversation on Innovation from within the Defense Industrial Base Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Ms. Toni Townes-Whitley, CEO, SAIC▶ Moderator: Ms. Rachel Hoff, Policy Director, Ronald Reagan Institute
1:50 PM – 2:25 PM	The Future of Intelligence in the Age of Autonomy and AI Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Mr. Steve Bowsher, President and CEO, IQT▶ Mr. Akash Jain, CTO and President, Palantir USG▶ Vice Adm. Frank Whitworth, Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency▶ Moderator: Mr. Julian Barnes, Intelligence Reporter, <i>The New York Times</i>
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Keynote and Conversation Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Hon. Kathleen Hicks, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense▶ Moderator: Mr. Roger Zakheim, Director, Ronald Reagan Institute
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Networking Reception <i>Legacy Hall</i>