



March 11-12, 2026 | Ronald Reagan Institute | Washington, DC

AGENDA

Subject to Change

Wednesday, March 11

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Ronald Reagan Institute, Rooftop Penthouse

Thursday, March 12

7:45 AM - 8:30 AM

Ronald Reagan Institute, Legacy Hall
and Classroom

8:30 AM - 8:35 AM

The Hay Adams Hotel, Top of the Hay

8:35 AM - 9:05 AM

The Hay Adams Hotel, Top of the Hay

9:10 AM - 9:55 AM

The Hay Adams Hotel, Top of the Hay

10:10 AM - 10:55 AM

The Hay Adams Hotel, Hay Adams Room

Ronald Reagan Institute, Ben Sutton Auditorium

11:10 AM - 11:55 AM

The Hay Adams Hotel, Hay Adams Room

OPENING RECEPTION

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

WELCOME REMARKS

- Mr. Roger Zakheim, Director, Ronald Reagan Institute

FIRESIDE CHAT

Introduction: Mr. Fred Ryan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute

- Senator Jim Banks, U.S. Senate, Indiana
- Senator Ruben Gallego, U.S. Senate, Arizona

Moderator: Ms. Briana Reilly, *Punchbowl News*

MORNING PLENARY

Innovation at an Inflection: Grading the NSIB Ecosystem

- Senator Kevin Cramer, U.S. Senate, North Dakota
- Admiral Christopher Grady (Ret.), 12th Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Mr. Doug Philippone, General Partner and Co-Founder, Snowpoint Ventures
- Mr. Christian Rodriguez, Partner, McKinsey & Company

Moderator: Ms. Rachel Hoff, Ronald Reagan Institute

PANEL 1

Next Generation Edge: Transforming Security through AI and Quantum Technology

- Mr. Justin Fanelli, Chief Technology Officer, U.S. Department of the Navy
- Mr. Rich Goldberg, Chairman, Defense Technology Alliance
- Representative John McGuire, U.S. House of Representatives, Virginia, 5th District
- Mr. Andrew McLaughlin, Chief Operating Officer, Sandbox AQ

Moderator: Mr. Will Knight, *WIRED*

PANEL 2

Financing Advantage: Leveraging Private Capital for National Security

- Mr. Jamil Jaffer, Venture Partner and Strategic Advisor, Paladin Capital Group
- Mr. Peter Ludwig, Co-Founder, Applied Intuition
- Mr. Alex Moore, Partner, 8VC
- Mr. Raj Shah, Former Director, Defense Innovation Unit

Moderator: Mr. Cory Weinberg, *The Information*

PANEL 3

Digital Dominance: Innovating for Cyber Advantage

- Representative Sarah Elfreth, U.S. House of Representatives, Maryland, 3rd District
- Mr. Joe Lin, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Twenty
- Mr. Matt Tait, President and Chief Executive Officer, MANTECH
- The Honorable Mac Thornberry, Former Chair, House Armed Services Committee

Moderator: Ms. Suzanne Kelly, *The Cipher Brief*



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PANEL 4

Signaling Demand: Aligning Budget Priorities and Customer Clarity

- Mr. Mike Brown, Former Director, Defense Innovation Unit
- The Honorable Jules "Jay" Hurst III, PTDO U.S. Under Secretary of War (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer
- Mr. Josh Wilson, Chief Executive Officer, LMI Solutions
- Representative Rob Wittman, U.S. House of Representatives, Virginia, 1st District

Moderator: Ms. Valerie Insinna, *Breaking Defense*

12:05 PM - 2:00 PM

The Hay Adams Hotel, Top of the Hay

KEYNOTE PROGRAM AND LUNCH

Introduction: Mr. Roger Zakheim, Director, Ronald Reagan Institute

- The Honorable Michael Duffey, U.S. Under Secretary of War for Acquisition and Sustainment

Moderator: Ms. Morgan Brennan, *CNBC*

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

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FIRESIDE CHAT

Introduction: Mr. David Trulio, President & Chief Executive Officer, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute

- Senator Tim Kaine, U.S. Senate, Virginia
- Senator Todd Young, U.S. Senate, Indiana

Moderator: Mr. Marcus Weisgerber, *The Wall Street Journal*

2:35 PM - 3:20 PM

The Hay Adams Hotel, Hay Adams Room

PANEL 5

Winning the Talent Battle: Strengthening the National Security Workforce

- The Honorable Sasha Baker, Head of National Security Policy, OpenAI
- The Honorable Eric Fanning, 22nd U.S. Secretary of the Army
- Lieutenant General John Healy, Chief, U.S. Air Force Reserve; Commander, U.S. Air Force Reserve Command
- Mr. Chris Power, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Hadrian

Moderator: Ms. Jen Judson, *Bloomberg*

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PANEL 6

Capacity to Compete: Strengthening Defense through Industrial Innovation

- The Honorable Michael Cadenazzi, U.S. Assistant Secretary of War for Industrial Base Policy
- Ms. Madeline Hart, Defense and Space Lead, Palantir Technologies
- Mr. Dino Mavrookas, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Saronic Technologies

Moderator: Mr. Noah Sheinbaum, *Crossing the Valley*

3:25 PM - 4:10 PM

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PANEL 7

The Drone Battlefield: Innovation and Modern Warfighting

- General Jim McConville (Ret.), Former Chief of Staff, U.S. Army
- Mr. Oleg Rogynskyy, Chief Executive Officer, UFORCE
- Mr. Bob Simmons, Vice President, Defense, Space & Security - Government Operations, The Boeing Company
- Mr. Ryan Tseng, Co-Founder and President, Shield AI

Moderator: Mr. Colin Demarest, *Axios*

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PANEL 8

Modernizing Together: Advancing Capabilities with Allies and Partners

- Ms. Hamutal Meridor, Co-Founder and President, Kela Technologies
- Dr. Nadia Schadlow, Former U.S. Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategy
- Admiral Pierre Vandier, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, NATO
- Representative Eugene Vindman, U.S. House of Representatives, Virginia, 7th District

Moderator: Ms. Courtney Kube, *NBC*

4:15 PM - 4:45 PM

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CLOSING PLENARY

Introduction: Ms. Rachel Hoff, Policy Director, Ronald Reagan Institute

- General Randy George, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army

Moderator: Mr. Roger Zakheim, Ronald Reagan Institute

4:50 PM - 6:00 PM

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