REAGAN NATIONAL DEFENSE FORUM 2026

Rebuilding Strength, Restoring Peace

Agenda

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Friday, December 4

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Air Force One Pavilion, Level One

Keynote Address

By Invitation Only
Speaker: President Donald J. Trump, 45th & 47th President of the United States

5:45 PM - 7:00 PM
Location TBD

Welcome Reception

Open to All RNDF Attendees

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Various Locations Across Property

Policy Dinners

By Invitation Only

Saturday, December 5

7:45 AM - 9:00 AM
Air Force One Pavilion, Level One & Main Courtyard

Breakfast & Panel 1: We the People: American Views on National Defense Ahead of the New Congress

Panelists:
- Senator Jim Banks, U.S. Senator, Indiana
- The Honorable Kathleen Hicks, 35th U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense
- Mr. Shyam Sankar, Chief Technology Officer, Palantir Technologies
- Mr. Marc Thiessen, Columnist, *The Washington Post*

Moderator: Mr. Jonathan Martin, *POLITICO*

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Morning Break

9:30 AM - 9:50 AM
Presidential Learning Center

Fireside Chat

Speaker: The Honorable Russell Vought, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Moderator: Ms. Morgan Brennan, *CNBC*

10:00 AM - 10:55 AM
Presidential Learning Center

Panel 2: The New Arsenal of Democracy: Rebuilding America's Industrial Base

Panelists:
- Mr. Christopher Calio, Chairman and CEO, RTX
- Admiral Daryl Caudle, Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy
- Representative Joe Courtney, U.S. Representative, Connecticut, 2nd District
- The Honorable Michael P. Duffey, U.S. Under Secretary of War for Acquisition and Sustainment
- Mr. Brian Schimpf, CEO, Anduril Industries

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

10:00 AM - 10:55 AM
Air Force One Pavilion, Level Two

Panel 3: Deterrence in the Pacific: Modernization, Force Posture, and Superintelligence

Panelists:
- Senator Ruben Gallego, U.S. Senator, Arizona
- The Honorable Troy Meink, U.S. Secretary of the Air Force
- Admiral Samuel Paparo, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command
- Senator Mike Rounds, U.S. Senator, South Dakota
- Mr. Horacio Rozanski, Chairman and CEO, Booz Allen

Moderator: Ms. Jennifer Griffin, *Fox News*

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Saturday, December 5 (cont.)

10:10 AM - 10:30 AM
Museum Store

Book Talk: *Freedom's Forge* and *Founder's Fire*
Author: Dr. Arthur Herman, Author
Facilitator: The Honorable Ellen Lord, Former U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment

11:05 AM - 11:40 AM
Presidential Learning Center

Panel 4: The Foundations of American Power: Economic and National Security

Panelists:
- Mr. Jamie Dimon, Chairman and CEO, JPMorganChase
- Ms. Gwynne Shotwell, President and Chief Operating Officer, SpaceX

Moderator: Ms. Shannon Bream, *Fox News*

11:05 AM - 11:40 AM
Air Force One Pavilion, Level Two

Panel 5: Solving Simultaneity: Evaluating America's National Defense Strategy

Panelists:
- Senator Deb Fischer, U.S. Senator, Nebraska
- General Eric Smith, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps
- Ms. Kathy Warden, Chair, CEO, and President, Northrop Grumman

Moderator: Mr. Aaron MacLean, *The Free Press*

11:45 AM - 1:25 PM
Air Force One Pavilion, Level One & Main Courtyard

Luncheon Keynote

1:25 PM - 1:45 PM
Presidential Learning Center

A Conversation on *Peace Through Strength*

Speaker: Mr. Roger I. Zakheim, Director, Ronald Reagan Institute
Moderator: Ms. Kate B. Odell, *The Wall Street Journal* Editorial Board

1:55 PM - 2:50 PM
Presidential Learning Center

Panel 6: From Last Supper to First Breakfast: Partnerships Across Industry

Panelists:
- Representative Ken Calvert, Chair, House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee
- The Honorable Emil Michael, U.S. Under Secretary of War for Research and Engineering
- Mr. Chris Power, CEO, Hadrian
- General Douglas A. Schiess, Chief of Space Operations, U.S. Space Force
- Mr. Jim Taiclet, Chairman, President, and CEO, Lockheed Martin

Moderator: Ms. Allie Garfinkle, *Fortune*

1:55 PM - 2:50 PM
Air Force One Pavilion, Level Two

Panel 7: Funding Peace Through Strength: A Generational Investment in National Defense

Panelists:
- The Honorable Jules W. Hurst III, U.S. Under Secretary of War (Comptroller)
- Representative Jimmy Panetta, U.S. Representative, California, 19th District
- Mr. Steve Parker, President and CEO, Boeing Defense, Space & Security
- The Honorable Adam Telle, Acting U.S. Secretary of the Army
- Representative Rob Wittman, U.S. Representative, Virginia, 1st District

Moderator: Mr. Hans Nichols, *Axios*

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2:05 PM - 2:25 PM
Museum Store

Book Talk: *The American Edge*
Author: Dr. Seth Jones, Author
Facilitator: Dr. Nadia Schadlow, Former U.S. Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategy

3:00 PM - 3:20 PM
Presidential Learning Center

Fireside Chat
Speaker: The Honorable John Ratcliffe, Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Moderator: Mr. Bret Baier, *Fox News*

3:30 PM - 4:05 PM
Presidential Learning Center

Panel 8: NATO 3.0: The Role of U.S. Military Presence and Posture in Europe

Panelists:
- The Honorable Elbridge A. Colby, U.S. Under Secretary of War for Policy
- Minister Pål Jonson, Minister of Defence, Sweden

Moderator: Mr. Michael Gordon, *The Wall Street Journal*

3:30 PM - 4:05 PM
Air Force One Pavilion, Level Two

Panel 9: Rebuilding Readiness, Retaining Servicemembers, and Restoring Confidence

Panelists:
- Representative Salud Carbajal, U.S. Representative, California, 24th District
- The Honorable Anthony Tata, U.S. Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness
- General Kenneth Wilsbach, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force

Moderator: Ms. Courtney McBride, *Bloomberg News*

3:40 PM - 4:00 PM
Museum Store

Book Talk: *To Dare Mighty Things*
Author: Dr. Michael O'Hanlon, Author
Facilitator: The Honorable Mac Thornberry, Former Chair, U.S. House Armed Services Committee

4:05 PM - 4:25 PM

Afternoon Break

4:25 PM - 5:00 PM
Presidential Learning Center

Panel 10: Defending America's Borders and Backyard: A New Approach to the Western Hemisphere

Panelists:
- Representative Jason Crow, U.S. Representative, Colorado, 6th District
- The Honorable Bradley D. Hansell, U.S. Under Secretary of War for Intelligence and Security
- Representative Ronny Jackson, U.S. Representative, Texas, 13th District

Moderator: Mr. Major Garrett, *CBS News*

4:25 PM - 5:00 PM
Air Force One Pavilion, Level Two

Panel 11: The New Battlefield: Lessons from Epic Fury for Autonomy and High-Low Mix

Panelists:
- The Honorable Hung Cao, Acting U.S. Secretary of the Navy
- Senator Joni Ernst, U.S. Senator, Iowa
- Mr. Dino Mavrookas, Co-Founder and CEO, Saronic Technologies
- General Dale R. White, Director, Critical Major Weapon Systems, U.S. Department of War

Moderator: Mr. Nick Schifrin, *PBS News*

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4:35 PM - 4:55 PM
Museum Store

Book Talk: *The Peacemaker*
Author: Dr. William Inboden, Author
Facilitator: Dr. Rebeccah L. Heinrichs, Hudson Institute

5:10 PM - 6:00 PM
Presidential Learning Center

Panel 12: Rebuilding Strength, Restoring Peace: A Conversation with National Security Leaders

Panelists:
- General Jack Keane (Ret.), Former Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army
- The Honorable Leon Panetta, 23rd U.S. Secretary of Defense
- Ambassador Michael Waltz, U.S. Representative to the United Nations

Moderator: Mr. Bill Hemmer, *Fox News*

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Main Courtyard

Closing Reception