



REAGAN NATIONAL DEFENSE FORUM

BUILDING PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH

DECEMBER 2 - 3, 2016



"As for the enemies of freedom, those who are potential adversaries, they will be reminded that peace is the highest aspiration of the American people. We will negotiate for it, sacrifice for it; we will not surrender for it, now or ever."

- President Ronald Reagan, Tuesday, January 20, 1981

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The Reagan National Defense Forum (RNDF) brings together leaders and key stakeholders in the defense community - including members of Congress, civilian officials and military leaders from the Defense Department, industry, and administration officials - to address the health of our national defense and stimulate discussions that promote policies to strengthen the U.S. military.

In an era of economic uncertainty where the threats to our national security are increasing in number and complexity, RNDF allows senior leaders from the defense community to come together with viewpoints on how best to deal with these challenges.

Though President Reagan left office many years ago, the United States military continues to benefit from his commitment and vision for a strong defense. Recognizing that today's decisions will affect our military capabilities for years to come, RNDF charges leaders from current and past Administrations and Congress to look beyond the immediate issues facing our armed forces and explore how we can build peace through strength for the future.



“Bipartisan leadership all meeting under the Reagan-era slogan of ‘Peace Through Strength’”

- The Hill

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- Mike Allen, Politico

"From a national security perspective, it's set to be a star-studded affair."

- Los Angeles Times

2016 Agenda

The 2016 Reagan National Defense Forum begins with a welcome reception on Friday, December 2nd followed by the Saturday, December 3rd breakfast session, simultaneous morning and afternoon panel sessions, keynote luncheon, and special closing remarks from a Department of Defense official.

RNDF commences at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 5:30 p.m on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

Attendees

Attendees and speakers from the key communities that shape our national defense, which include Members of Congress, the civilian and military leadership of the Department of Defense, former officials, thought leaders, defense industry representatives, and members of the press. All RNDF sessions from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. are open to the press.

Tickets and Registration

Please visit our webpage for current information on tickets and registration. Attendees and speakers are comprised of government, civic, academic, industry and the military/defense communities. A standard registration fee may apply for general members of participating organizations.

For more information, please visit www.reaganfoundation.org/defense or contact Shahla Seaborn at sseaborn@reaganfoundation.org.



Previous RNDF Program Participants and Distinguished Guests

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★ **Mr. Doug Cameron**

The Wall Street Journal

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Secretary, U.S. Department of Defense

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USA Former Vice Chief of Staff for the U.S. Army; CEO, One Mind for Research

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President, Network and Space Systems Boeing Defense, Space & Security

★ **The Honorable J.D. Crouch**

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★ **Mr. Chris Davenport**

The Washington Post

★ **General Martin E. Dempsey**

Former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

★ **Mr. Jerry DeMuro**

President and CEO, BAE Systems, Inc.

★ **General Joseph Dunford**

Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

★ **The Honorable Eric Edelman**

Former Ambassador to Finland & Turkey, Former Undersecretary of Defense (Policy)

★ **Senator Joni Ernst**

U.S. Senate, Iowa

★ **The Honorable Michele Flournoy**

CEO, CNAS: Former Undersecretary of Defense (Policy)

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Former Secretary of Defense, Former Director of the CIA

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★ **The Honorable Robert O. Work**

Deputy Secretary of Defense

★ **The Honorable Dov Zakheim**

Former Under Secretary of Defense (CFO)

Previous RNDF Panel Sessions

"A summit [featuring] much soul-searching about America's current role in the Middle East and beyond among officials and analysts from both inside and outside the administration."

- Washington Times



General John F. Kelly, Commander, U.S. Southern Command, U.S. Marine Corps and General Mark A. Milley, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army at the 2015 Reagan National Defense Forum.

On the Pentagon

- ★ **Reforming how the Pentagon does business:** What does it take to roll back the red tape?
- ★ **From the Situation Room:** A view of defense from the White House.
- ★ **Managing the Pentagon in war time and during sequestration:** Are there lessons learned for reforming DoD?
- ★ **Congress, Industry and the Pentagon:** Assessing the relationship.
- ★ **Is funding national defense our first priority?** Exploring the root causes of sequestration.
- ★ **International Defense Cooperation:** Is the US committed? Are our allies and friends invested?

On the Economy

- ★ **A view of defense from Wall Street.**
- ★ **Rethinking the industrial base:** How can the Pentagon capitalize on and incentivize innovation?
- ★ **The industrial base after a decade of war and in an era of declining budgets:** Where do we need to be in 2025?
- ★ **Harnessing innovation for defense:** The role of defense and non-defense companies.

On Current and International Affairs

- ★ **National Defense Strategy:** Will the strategy be driven by events or shape events in 2025?
- ★ **The U.S. in Europe, the Middle East and Asia:** How do we strengthen and build alliances in the 21st century?
- ★ **Defense after the election:** How will the midterm elections and the start of the presidential primaries impact national defense?
- ★ **What should the Asia rebalance look like in 2025?**
- ★ **Defeating ISIS and dealing with Iran.**
- ★ **From Candidate to Commander-In-Chief:** Lessons in making the transition

Previous RNDF Discussions and Keynote Guests

On Modern Warfare

- ★ **Counterterrorism in 2025:** What kind of fighting force will be required?
- ★ **Heroism and valor in today's battlefield.**
- ★ **Cyberwar:** The role of cyber in 21st century warfare.
- ★ **Caring for our wounded warriors:** Keeping faith after a decade of war.
- ★ **Bridging the gap between the military and the nation:** Connecting America to the less than 1% who serve.
- ★ **Cyberwar:** Has it begun? Are we equipped to respond?

Keynote Luncheon and Closing Session Speakers

2015

The Honorable Ashton B. Carter, *U.S. Secretary of Defense*

The Honorable Robert O. Work, *Deputy Secretary of Defense*

2014

The Honorable Chuck Hagel, *U.S. Secretary of Defense*

Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., *Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff*

2013

The Honorable Chuck Hagel, *U.S. Secretary of Defense*

General Martin E. Dempsey, *Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff*



Ronald Reagan Peace Through Strength Award

Peace Through Strength Dinner and Awards

The Peace Through Strength dinner, following the daylong Reagan National Defense Forum, will include the presentation of this year's Ronald Reagan Peace Through Strength Award to two outstanding individuals who have each contributed significantly to the defense of the United States over the course of their career.

Please note, this dinner is not included with the RNDF daylong conference registration fee.

For information about the dinner, please contact Bob Cochran at (202) 595-6371 or by email, bcochran@mckeeongroupllc.com

The Ronald Reagan Peace Through Strength Award honors those individuals whose courage and leadership in support of our nation's armed forces, here and abroad, have contributed to the security of the American people and to the advancement of freedom.

The recipient of The Ronald Reagan Peace Through Strength Award has applied with constant purpose a strategy to strengthen our armed forces, support our military men and women serving around the world, reinforce our nation's defense systems, and safeguard the lives and interests of the American people. The awardee has shown immeasurable respect for the importance of America's defenses and their role in strengthening world peace.

Through the presentation of this annual award, we hope that America will honor those who give of themselves to ensure our freedoms are protected and preserved from one generation to the next.

Awardees



Hon. Condoleezza Rice



Cong. Adam Smith



Sen. John McCain



Hon. Leon Panetta



Hon. Robert Gates



Sen. Carl Levin

The Peace Through Strength Award is represented by a bronze eagle set upon a black granite base. The eagle symbolizes the strength, courage, and wisdom of both Ronald Reagan and the country that he loved so dearly. Captured within the eagle's talon is a piece of the Berlin Wall, a powerful reminder that, in Ronald Reagan's own words, "freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."



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About The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation is the non-profit, non-partisan organization established by President Reagan whose mission is to promote the legacy of Ronald Reagan by convening, educating and engaging people around the world in his core principles of freedom, economic opportunity, global democracy and national pride. The Reagan Foundation sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum. At the dedication of the Reagan Library in November 1991, President Reagan defined its purpose by describing it as a living institution where scholars interpret the past and policy makers debate the future.

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library is 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 President Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It also serves as the final resting place of America's 40th President.

*"We will always remember. We will always be proud.
We will always be prepared, so we may always be free."*

-President Ronald Reagan, June 6, 1984

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"The Reagan forum is an event widely attended by Pentagon, congressional and industry leaders."

- *DefenseOne*

"An annual event that sees dozens of America's top defense figures - including politicians from both political parties - discuss America's defense policies."

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