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Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin to Deliver Keynote Address at 2021 Reagan National Defense Forum

SIMI VALLEY, California - The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced that United States Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin III will deliver the keynote address at the 2021 Reagan National Defense Forum (RNDF) on Saturday, December 4.

"After decades of service in the military, Secretary Austin is leading the Pentagon through a pivotal new era for U.S. national security," said Roger Zakheim of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. "We are eager to have him share his vision and strategy for strengthening our national defense. The Reagan National Defense Forum is privileged to have him."

Secretary Austin currently serves as the 28th U.S. Secretary of Defense and previously served as the Commander of U.S. Central Command. He retired from the U.S. Army in 2016 after 41 years of service and was confirmed as defense secretary by the U.S. Senate in January 2021.

RNDF brings together leaders from across the political spectrum and key stakeholders in the defense community, including Members of Congress, current and former Administration officials, senior military leadership, industry executives, technology innovators, and thought leaders. Their mission is to review and assess policies that strengthen America's national defense in the context of the global threat environment.

This year's event will be held in-person on December 3 and 4 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California.

Secretary Austin's speech will be livestreamed for public viewers on the Reagan Foundation's [YouTube channel](#). For more information, visit www.rndf.org or follow RNDF on Twitter at [@ReaganInstitute](#).

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 60 million pages of Gubernatorial, Presidential and personal papers, over 1.6 million photographs, a half million feet of motion picture film, 25,000 audio recordings, 22,000 video recordings, and over 83,000 objects 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. www.reaganfoundation.org.

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