“Above all, we must realize that no arsenal or no weapon in the arsenals of the world is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women.”

- President Ronald Reagan, January 20, 1981
The Reagan National Defense Forum (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.

RNDF offers the defense community a chance to come together to discuss and debate how the United States can lead the world in an era of increasingly complex challenges and opportunities.

Though President Reagan left office many years ago, the United States continues to benefit from his commitment to peace through strength. Recognizing that today’s policy decisions will affect our military capabilities and global leadership for years to come, RNDF charges leaders to look beyond the immediate issues facing our nation and explore how we can build a vision of peace through strength for the future.
“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. It has to be fought for and defended by each generation.”

Ronald Reagan, July 6, 1987

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**Friday, December 2**

- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  Welcome Reception
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  Policy Dinners

**Saturday, December 3**

- 7:15 am - 8:30 am  PANEL 1 / BREAKFAST
- 8:30 am - 9:00 am  Morning Break
- 9:00 am - 9:55 am  PANEL 2 & PANEL 3
- 10:00 am - 10:55 am  PANEL 4 & PANEL 5
- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  LUNCHEON KEYNOTE & DISCUSSION
- 1:10 pm - 1:40 pm  FIRESIDE CHAT
- 1:50 pm - 2:45 pm  PANEL 6 & PANEL 7
- 2:50 pm - 3:45 pm  PANEL 8 & PANEL 9
- 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm  Afternoon Break
- 4:15 pm - 5:00 pm  Peace Through Strength Awards Ceremony
- 5:10 pm - 6:00 pm  CLOSING SESSION
- 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  Closing Reception

**Attendees**

Attendees and speakers are 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, scholars, defense industry leaders, and members of the press.

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Keynote Addresses

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The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin III
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2019
The Honorable Mark T. Esper
Former U.S. Secretary of Defense
The Honorable Robert C. O’Brien
Former U.S. National Security Advisor

2018
The Honorable James Mattis
Former U.S. Secretary of Defense
Congressman Adam Smith
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee
Congressman Mac Thornberry
Former U.S. Representative, Texas

2017
Lt. General H.R. McMaster
Former U.S. National Security Advisor
The Honorable Patrick Shanahan
Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense

2016
The Honorable Ash Carter
Former U.S. Secretary of Defense
General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr.
Former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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The Honorable Ash Carter
Former U.S. Secretary of Defense
The Honorable Robert O. Work
Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense

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The Honorable John McCain
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“We’ve been blessed with the opportunity to stand for something - for liberty and freedom and fairness. And these are things worth fighting for, worth devoting our lives to.”

- President Ronald Reagan, March 1, 1985

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