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**Tenth Reagan National Defense Forum to Convene December 1 & 2
at The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library**

*The premier defense summit will feature prominent
leaders in the national security community.*

WASHINGTON, DC — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute has announced the date for the landmark tenth annual Reagan National Defense Forum (RNDF) at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California, December 1-2, 2023.

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, business and industry leaders, technology innovators, and national security policy experts. The theme for RNDF 2023 will be, “10 Years of Promoting Peace Through Strength.”

This annual convening of the top minds within the defense space provides for unique perspectives via high-level conversations with people who are ‘in the room’ where decisions are made. RNDF’s primary objective is to review and assess policies that strengthen America’s national defense in the context of a 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.

In 2022, RNDF hosted the following distinguished speakers:

- Hon. **Lloyd J. Austin III**, U.S. Secretary of Defense
- Hon. **Avril Haines**, Director of National Intelligence
- Adm. **John C. Aquilino**, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command
- Gen. **David H. Berger**, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired
- Gen. **Charles Q. Brown, Jr.**, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force
- Rep. **Ken Calvert**, U.S. Representative, California
- Hon. **Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr.**, U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
- Hon. **Carlos Del Toro**, Secretary, U.S. Navy
- Sen. **Tammy Duckworth**, U.S. Senator, Illinois
- Sen. **Joni Ernst**, U.S. Senator, Iowa
- Hon. **Mark T. Esper**, Former U.S. Secretary of Defense
- Hon. **Alan F. Estevez**, U.S. Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security
- Sen. **Deb Fischer**, U.S. Senator, Nebraska

- Rep. **Mike Gallagher**, U.S. Representative, Wisconsin
- Adm. **Michael Gilday**, Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy, Retired
- Sen. **Lindsey Graham**, U.S. Senator, South Carolina
- Hon. **John J. Hamre**, President and CEO, Center for Strategic and International Studies
- Hon. **Antti Kaikkonen**, Minister of Defence, Finland
- Hon. **Frank Kendall**, Secretary, U.S. Air Force
- Sen. **Angus King**, U.S. Senator, Maine
- Hon. **William LaPlante**, U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
- Hon. **Michael McCord**, U.S. Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)
- Rep. **Seth Moulton**, U.S. Representative, Massachusetts
- Gen. **Paul Nakasone**, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command
- Hon. **Ng Eng Hen**, Minister for Defence, Singapore
- Rep. **Jimmy Panetta**, U.S. Representative, California
- Hon. **Leon Panetta**, Former U.S. Secretary of Defense
- Hon. **John Ratcliffe**, Former U.S. Director of National Intelligence
- Gen. **Laura J. Richardson**, Commander, U.S. Southern Command
- Sen. **Mike Rounds**, U.S. Senator, South Dakota
- Mr. **Karl Rove**, Former Special Advisor and Deputy Chief of Staff, President George W. Bush
- Gen. **B. Chance “Salty” Saltzman**, Chief of Space Operations, U.S. Space Force
- Hon. **Heidi Shyu**, U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering
- Rep. **Adam Smith**, Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee
- Sen. **Roger Wicker**, U.S. Senator, Mississippi
- Rep. **Rob Wittman**, U.S. Representative, Virginia
- Hon. **Christine Wormuth**, Secretary, U.S. Army

Attendance at RNDF is by invitation only. Media who wish to attend must RSVP [HERE](#), and a member of the media relations team will follow up to confirm credentials.

What: The Reagan National Defense Forum

Who: Members of Congress, civilian and military leadership of the Department of Defense, former officials, scholars, defense industry leaders, and members of the press

When: Friday-Saturday, December 1-2, 2023

Where: Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
40 Presidential Drive
Simi Valley, CA 93065

For more information, visit www.RNDF.org and follow [@ReaganInstitute](https://twitter.com/ReaganInstitute).

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About the Reagan Foundation and Institute:

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is the sole nonprofit organization created by President Reagan charged with continuing his legacy and sharing his principles – individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy and national pride. The Foundation is a nonpartisan 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, the award-winning Reagan Leadership Center and the Reagan Institute, which carries out the Foundation’s mission in Washington, D.C.

The Reagan Library houses over 55 million pages of Gubernatorial, Presidential and personal papers and over 60,000 gifts and artifacts chronicling the lives of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It also serves as the final resting place of America’s 40th President and former First Lady Nancy Reagan.