



# REAGAN NATIONAL DEFENSE FORUM

PROMOTING PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH

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## AGENDA

UPDATED 11.28.2023

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

*Air Force One Pavilion Level One*

WELCOME RECEPTION

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

*Various Locations by Invitation Only*

POLICY DINNERS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:15 AM – 8:30 AM

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PANEL 1 & BREAKFAST

**ASKING AMERICANS: POLLING ON U.S. GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AHEAD OF 2024**

**Panelists:**

- Sen. Joni Ernst, U.S. Senator, Iowa
- Dr. Alexander C. Karp, Co-Founder and CEO, Palantir Technologies
- Rep. Adam Smith, Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee
- Mr. Marc A. Thiessen, Former Chief Speechwriter, President George W. Bush

**Moderator:** Ms. Brianna Keilar, *CNN*

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Morning Break

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

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FIRESIDE CHAT

**THE HONORABLE GINA M. RAIMONDO, U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE**

**Moderator:** Ms. Morgan Brennan, *CNBC*

9:40 AM – 10:35 AM

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PANEL 2

**INVESTING IN AI: FIELDING AND OPERATIONALIZING AUTONOMY IN OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE**

**Panelists:**

- Rep. Mike Gallagher, Chair, House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party
- Hon. Frank Kendall, Secretary, U.S. Air Force
- Mr. Brian Schimpf, Co-Founder and CEO, Anduril Industries
- Hon. Heidi Shyu, U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering
- Mr. Jason Zander, Executive Vice President, Microsoft

**Moderator:** Ms. Missy Ryan, *The Washington Post*

PANEL 3

**OVERLOOKING MONROE? PROTECTING OUR HEMISPHERE AND HOMELAND**

**Panelists:**

- Mr. Joseph T. Lonsdale, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, 8VC
- Gen. Paul M. Nakasone, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command
- Gen. Laura J. Richardson, Commander, U.S. Southern Command
- Rep. Mike Waltz, U.S. House of Representatives, Florida

**Moderator:** Ms. Courtney Kube, *NBC News*

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10:45 AM – 11:40 AM

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## PANEL 4

### REAGAN DOCTRINE 2.0: SUPPLYING ALLIES AND FRIENDS TO DEFEND FREEDOM

**Panelists:**

- Sen. Deb Fischer, U.S. Senator, Nebraska
- Gen. Charles A. Flynn, Commanding General, U.S. Army Pacific
- Mr. Gregory J. Hayes, CEO and Chairman, RTX
- Sen. Jack Reed, Chair, Senate Armed Services Committee

**Moderator:** Mr. Shashank Joshi, *The Economist*

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## PANEL 5

### LABORATORIES OF LEARNING: SUCCESSES IN PIONEERING THE FUTURE OF WARFARE

**Panelists:**

- Gen. David W. Allvin, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force
- Rep. Ken Calvert, Chair, House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee
- Adm. Lisa Franchetti, Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy
- Mr. James D. Taiclet, Chairman, President and CEO, Lockheed Martin Corporation

**Moderator:** Mr. Jim Sciutto, *CNN*

11:45 AM – 1:35 PM

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## KEYNOTE ADDRESS & LUNCHEON

### THE HONORABLE LLOYD J. AUSTIN III, U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

1:45 PM – 2:15 PM

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## FIRESIDE CHAT

### GENERAL CHARLES Q. BROWN, JR., U.S. CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

**Moderator:** Ms. Shannon Bream, *FOX News Channel*

2:25 PM – 3:20 PM

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## PANEL 6

### PUTTING PARTNERSHIP INTO PRACTICE: DEEPENING DEFENSE COOPERATION THROUGH AUKUS

**Panelists:**

- Mr. Ted Colbert, President and CEO, Boeing Defense, Space, and Security
- Rep. Seth Moulton, U.S. House of Representatives, Massachusetts
- Mr. Matthew Pottinger, Former U.S. Principal Deputy National Security Advisor
- Amb. Kevin Rudd, Ambassador of Australia to the United States; Former Prime Minister of Australia
- Rep. Rob Wittman, U.S. House of Representatives, Virginia

**Moderator:** Ms. Nancy Youssef, *The Wall Street Journal*

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## PANEL 7

### CELEBRATING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE: HOW TO BOOST RECRUITMENT AND ENSURE READINESS

**Panelists:**

- Hon. Gabe Camarillo, Under Secretary, U.S. Army
- Sen. Kevin Cramer, U.S. Senator, North Dakota
- Gen. Daniel R. Hokanson, Chief, U.S. National Guard Bureau
- Mr. Karl Rove, Former Special Advisor and Deputy Chief of Staff, President George W. Bush

**Moderator:** Mr. Ben Kesling, *The Wall Street Journal*

3:30 PM – 4:25 PM

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## PANEL 8

### BUILDING AT SCALE: INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY AND BUDGET RESOURCES TO MEET STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

**Panelists:**

- Rep. Joe Courtney, U.S. House of Representatives, Connecticut
- Mr. H. Lawrence Culp, Jr., Chairman and CEO, GE
- Hon. William LaPlante, U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
- Sen. Roger Wicker, Ranking Member, Senate Armed Services Committee

**Moderator:** Mr. Marcus Weisgerber, *Defense One*

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## PANEL 9

### **SUPREMACY OR PARITY? ALIGNING THE NDS FOR TECHNO-COMPETITION WITH THE PRC**

#### **Panelists:**

- Adm. John C. Aquilino, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command
- Mr. Doug Beck, Director, Defense Innovation Unit
- Gen. Christopher J. Mahoney, Assistant Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps
- Sen. Mike Rounds, U.S. Senator, South Dakota
- Mr. Horacio Rozanski, President and CEO, Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc.

**Moderator:** Ms. Jennifer Griffin, *FOX News Channel*

**4:25 PM – 4:45 PM**

**Afternoon Break**

**4:45 PM – 5:00 PM**

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**RNDF 10TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION**

**5:00 PM – 5:45 PM**

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## PANEL 10

### **RNDF AT TEN: A DISCUSSION ON PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH WITH FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY LEADERS**

*Presented by the T. Boone Pickens Foundation*

#### **Panelists:**

- Hon. Stephen J. Hadley, Former U.S. National Security Advisor
- Amb. Robert C. O'Brien, Former U.S. National Security Advisor
- Hon. Leon Panetta, Former U.S. Secretary of Defense

**Moderator:** Mr. Bill Hemmer, *FOX News Channel*

**5:45 PM – 7:30 PM**

*Main Courtyard*

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