



# REAGAN NATIONAL DEFENSE FORUM

## PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH IN A TIME OF TRANSITION

DECEMBER 6-7, 2024

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### AGENDA

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#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Media Center

WELCOME RECEPTION

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
Various Locations

POLICY DINNERS  
*By Invitation Only*

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:45 AM – 9:00 AM  
Air Force One Pavilion Level One

PANEL 1 & BREAKFAST

**THE PEOPLE'S PERSPECTIVE: PUBLIC OPINION ON DEFENSE AND NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES AFTER THE ELECTIONS**

**Panelists:**

- Sen. Deb Fischer, U.S. Senate, Nebraska
- Dr. Alexander C. Karp, Co-Founder and CEO, Palantir Technologies
- Ms. Morgan Ortagus, Former Spokesperson, U.S. Department of State
- Rep. Adam Smith, Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee

**Moderator:** Ms. Abby Phillip, *CNN*

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Morning Break

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM  
Presidential Learning Center

FIRESIDE CHAT

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

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

10:10 AM – 11:05 AM  
Presidential Learning Center

PANEL 2

**BUILDING THE BLUEPRINT: FORCE STRUCTURE, RESOURCES, AND THE NEXT NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY**

**Panelists:**

- Rep. Ken Calvert, Chair, House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee
- Mr. H. Lawrence Culp, Jr., Chairman and CEO, GE Aerospace
- Adm. Samuel J. Paparo, Jr., Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command
- Gen. Eric M. Smith, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps

**Moderator:** Ms. Tara Copp, *The Associated Press*

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PANEL 3

**FROM DATA TO DECISION: INTELLIGENCE AS A FORCE MULTIPLIER IN 21ST CENTURY COMPETITION AND WARFARE**

**Panelists:**

- Gen. Timothy D. Haugh, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command
- Sen. Mark Kelly, U.S. Senate, Arizona
- Sen. Mike Rounds, U.S. Senate, South Dakota
- Mr. Brad Smith, Vice Chair and President, Microsoft

**Moderator:** Mr. Julian Barnes, *The New York Times*

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11:15 AM – 12:10 PM  
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## PANEL 4

### THE INNOVATION IMPERATIVE: MODERNIZING DEFENSE CAPABILITIES AT THE SPEED OF RELEVANCE

#### Panelists:

- Gen. David W. Allvin, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force
- Mr. Joseph T. Lonsdale, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, 8VC
- Hon. Heidi Shyu, U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering
- Ms. Toni Townes-Whitley, CEO, SAIC
- Sen. Todd Young, U.S. Senate, Indiana

**Moderator:** Ms. Sharon Weinberger, *The Wall Street Journal*

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## PANEL 5

### A NEW AXIS: HOW COOPERATION BETWEEN MALIGN ACTORS IMPACTS MILITARY PLANNING AND OPERATIONS

#### Panelists:

- Gen. Bryan P. Fenton, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command
- Adm. Lisa M. Franchetti, Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy
- Rep. John Moolenaar, Chair, House Select Committee on the CCP
- Mr. Horacio Rozanski, President and CEO, Booz Allen Hamilton
- Hon. Robert Wilkie, Former U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs

**Moderator:** Mr. Oren Liebermann, *CNN*

12:10 PM – 1:55 PM  
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## PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH AWARDS CEREMONY

#### Recipients:

- The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin III, U.S. Secretary of Defense
- Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell

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## KEYNOTE ADDRESS & LUNCHEON

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

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM  
Presidential Learning Center

## FIRESIDE CHAT

### THE HONORABLE JAKE SULLIVAN, U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

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

2:40 PM – 3:35 PM  
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## PANEL 6

### THE MIDDLE EAST IN CHAOS: COUNTERING IRAN AND ITS PROXIES

#### Panelists:

- Sen. Joni Ernst, U.S. Senate, Iowa
- Amb. Michael Herzog, Ambassador of Israel to the United States
- Gen. Randall Reed, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command
- Rep. Pat Ryan, U.S. House of Representatives, New York, 18th District

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

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## PANEL 7

### A SECURE AND FREE EUROPE: NATO, UKRAINE, AND THE ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY

#### Panelists:

- Sen. Kevin Cramer, U.S. Senate, North Dakota
- Hon. Pål Jonson, Minister for Defence, Kingdom of Sweden
- Hon. Ryan McCarthy, Former Secretary of the U.S. Army
- Mr. Brian Schimpf, Co-Founder and CEO, Anduril Industries
- Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, U.S. Senate, New Hampshire

**Moderator:** Ms. Karen DeYoung, *The Washington Post*

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**3:45 PM – 4:40 PM**

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## PANEL 8

### SECURING THE HIGH GROUND: SPACE CAPABILITIES AND THE SPACE ECONOMY

**Panelists:**

- Gen. Michael Guetlein, Vice Chief of Space Operations, U.S. Space Force
- Mr. James D. Taiclet, Chairman, President, and CEO, Lockheed Martin
- Dr. Derek Tournear, Director, Space Development Agency, U.S. Space Force
- Rep. Rob Wittman, U.S. House of Representatives, Virginia, 1st District

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

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## PANEL 9

### CAN WE BUILD AGAIN? OVERCOMING PRODUCTION AND MANUFACTURING CONSTRAINTS TO BUILD THE FUTURE FORCE

**Panelists:**

- Mr. Doug Beck, Director, Defense Innovation Unit
- Mr. Chris Calio, President and CEO, RTX
- Gen. Randy A. George, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army
- Mr. Dan Jablonsky, Chairman and CEO, Ursa Major
- Sen. Angus King, U.S. Senate, Maine

**Moderator:** Mr. Aaron Mehta, *Breaking Defense*

**4:40 PM – 5:00 PM**

## Afternoon Break

**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

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## PANEL 10

### IN TRANSITION: A CONVERSATION ON PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH WITH NATIONAL SECURITY LEADERS

**Panelists:**

- Dr. H.R. McMaster, Former U.S. National Security Advisor
- Amb. Robert O'Brien, Former U.S. National Security Advisor
- Hon. Leon Panetta, Former U.S. Secretary of Defense

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

**6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

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