America’s Premier Defense Forum

The Reagan National Defense Forum (RNDF) brings together leaders and key stakeholders in the defense community - including members of Congress, civilian officials and military leaders from the Defense Department and industry - to address the health of our national defense and stimulate discussions that promote policies to strengthen the U.S. military.

In an era of economic uncertainty where the threats to our national security are increasing in number and complexity, RNDF allows senior leaders from the defense community to come together with viewpoints on how best to deal with these challenges.

Though President Reagan left office many years ago, the United States military continues to benefit from his commitment and vision for a strong defense. Recognizing that today’s decisions will affect our military capabilities for years to come, RNDF charges leaders from current and past Administrations and Congress to look beyond the immediate issues facing our armed forces and explore how we can build peace through strength for the future.

The RNDF asks you to join the discussion at our third annual conference on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.
“Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means.”

Ronald Reagan

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2015 Agenda

The 2015 RNDF conference includes a morning welcome reception, simultaneous morning and afternoon panel sessions, keynote luncheon, and special closing remarks from a Department of Defense official. The conference begins at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2015.

Attendees

Approximately 600 participants 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, thought leaders, defense industry representatives, members of the press and general public. The forum will be open to the press.

Tickets and Registration

Tickets to attend the daylong forum are:

★ $249 per person, register before August 31st at a discounted rate of $225 per person.
★ $149 per person for active military, government personnel, and students.

Online registration begins June 2015 at www.reaganfoundation.org/defense

For more information and to register for the 2015 RNDF, please visit www.reaganfoundation.org/defense or contact Shahla Seaborn at sseaborn@reaganfoundation.org
Previous RNDF Program Participants and Distinguished Guests

*Partial Listing

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  The Wall Street Journal
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- Mr. Chris Davenport  
  The Washington Post
- The Honorable Rudy deLeon  
  Former Deputy Secretary of Defense
- General Martin E. Dempsey  
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On the Pentagon
★ Reforming how the Pentagon does business: What does it take to roll back the red tape?
★ From the Situation Room: A view of defense from the White House.
★ Managing the Pentagon in war time and during sequestration: Are there lessons learned for reforming DoD?

On the Economy
★ A view of defense from Wall Street.
★ Rethinking the industrial base: How can the Pentagon capitalize on and incentivize innovation?
★ The industrial base after a decade of war and in an era of declining budgets: Where do we need to be in 2025?

On Current and International Affairs
★ National Defense Strategy: Will the strategy be driven by events or shape events in 2025?
★ The U.S. in Europe, the Middle East and Asia: How do we strengthen and build alliances in the 21st century?
★ Defense after the election: How will the midterm elections and the start of the presidential primaries impact national defense?
★ What should the Asia rebalance look like in 2025?
Previous RNDF Discussions and Keynote Guests

**On Modern Warfare**

- **Counterterrorism in 2025:** What kind of fighting force will be required?
- **Heroism and valor in today’s battlefield.**
- **Cyberwar:** The role of Cyber in 21st century warfare.
- **Caring for our wounded warriors:** Keeping faith after a decade of war.

**Keynote Guests**

- **The Honorable Chuck Hagel,** *U.S. Secretary of the Department of Defense*
- **General Martin E. Dempsey,** *Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff*
- **Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr.,** *Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff*
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From a national security perspective, it’s set to be a star-studded affair that’s sure to draw fire from Pentagon critics.

– Los Angeles Times, 11/14/13

The forum engaged the nation’s top military brass and congressional leaders on the issue of defense policy. Panelists and guests included the chief of naval operations, the commandant of the Marine Corps, the secretary of the Army, the three most recent secretaries of defense, and the chairmen of the House and Senate committees that oversee the Pentagon.

– Ventura County Star, 11/16/13

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