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**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REAGAN NATIONAL DEFENSE FORUM**  
**TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 2-3, 2016**  
*Fall Forum To Include Defense Officials, Congressional Leaders,  
Newsmakers, and Industry*

**(Simi Valley, CA)** - The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Library today announced that the fourth annual Reagan National Defense Forum (RNDF), North America's premier gathering for defense and national security experts, will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, just a few weeks after the presidential election.

"In the past three years, the Reagan National Defense Forum has become the premier high-level global convocation for discussion of the security of the United States and its allies, ultimately becoming the true Davos of Defense," said Frederick J. Ryan, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation. "Now, in our fourth year, we look forward to continuing to examine and debate the preservations and improvement of the common defense and how Ronald Reagan's enduring principles of Peace through Strength apply to the present moment."

Each year RNDF brings together hundreds of 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 state of our national defense and threats to our national security. Previous participants in the Reagan National Defense Forum have included Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter, Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson, former Secretaries of Defense Chuck Hagel, Leon Panetta and Robert Gates, General Martin Dempsey, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Commandant of the USMC, General Robert Neller, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, General Mark Milley, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral John Richardson and Secretary of the Air Force, Deborah Lee James, as well as Northrop Grumman CEO and President Wes Bush, Lockheed Martin CEO and President Marillyn Hewson and Raytheon Chairman and CEO Dr. Thomas Kennedy.

The Honorary Steering Committee, chaired by Congressman Mac Thornberry, includes the Honorable Robert Gates, the Honorable Chuck Hagel, the Honorable Duncan L. Hunter (Retired), Senator James M. Inhofe, the Honorable Ann McLaughlin Korologos, Senator John McCain, the Honorable Howard P. "Buck" McKeon (Retired), the Honorable Sam Nunn (Retired), the

Honorable Leon Panetta, Senator Jack Reed, the Honorable George Shultz, the Honorable John Warner (Retired) and the Honorable Pete Wilson.

*The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the legacy of Ronald Reagan and his timeless principles of individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy, and national pride. It sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center and The Air Force One Pavilion. Located in Simi Valley, California the Library houses 63 million pages of Gubernatorial, Presidential and personal papers and over 60,000 gifts and artifacts chronicling the lives of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It now also serves as the final resting place of America's 40th President. [www.reaganfoundation.org](http://www.reaganfoundation.org)*

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