

## Capital Factory House - Schedule

**JUST ADDED:** AFWERX will be livestreaming many of the keynote speakers and panels from Capital Factory House on Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8! The livestream links only cover sessions that are located on the Voltron Stage - Floor 1.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 7

**Livestream Link:** <https://youtube.com/live/yIMRxOgGEE4?feature=share>

**9 – 9:45 a.m.**

**Fireside Chat:** Disruptive Defense - AI Keynote  
“AI at the Intersection of Defense & Intelligence”

Voltron - Floor 1

- Gen. Timothy Haugh (USAF), Commander of the U.S. Cyber Command (USCYBERCOM, Director of National Security Agency (NSA) and Chief of the Central Security Service (CSS)
- Moderator: Emelia Probasco, Georgetown University's Center for Security and Emerging Technology (CSET)

**Watch Party**  
Wolverine - Floor 8

**10 – 10:45 a.m.**

**Fireside Chat:** Disruptive Defense - DAF Keynote  
“Air Force Demand Signal: Making Sense of the Churn for Industry”

Voltron - Floor 1

- Brig. Gen. Jason Hawk, AF Futures

**Watch Party**  
Wolverine - Floor 8

**11 – 11:45 a.m.**

**Fireside Chat:** Disruptive Defense - Manufacturing Keynote  
“Rebuilding the Defense Industrial Base”

Voltron - Floor 1

- Col. Elliott Leigh, Director of AFWERX
- Darrell Phillipson, Director of Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Materials and Manufacturing
- Travis DeMeester, DIU Program Manager
- Moderator: Howard Marotto, Strategic Engagements & Integration at Barnes Global Advisors

**Watch Party**

Wolverine - Floor 8

**12 – 12:45 p.m.**

**Fireside Chat:** Disruptive Defense - DIU Keynote

Voltron - Floor 1

- Defense Innovation Unit (DIU)

**Watch Party**

Wolverine - Floor 8

**1 – 1:45 p.m.**

**Panel:** Disruptive Defense - Manufacturing Track  
“Partnering for Innovation: How Industry Can Engage with AFWERX Manufacturing”

Wolverine - Floor 8

- Ian Clowes, AFWERX Manufacturing Lead
- Cayley Dymond, AFWERX Challenge Team Lead
- Rachel Braun, SpaceWERX Manufacturing Lead
- Moderator: Mia Blessing, AFWERX Strategic Communications Lead

**2 – 2:45 p.m.**

**Panel:** Disruptive Defense - Manufacturing Track  
“Forged: Manufacturing Policy & Strategy”

Wolverine - Floor 8

**3 – 3:45 p.m.**

**Panel:** Disruptive Defense - AI Track  
“Computing on the Edge”

Wolverine - Floor 8

- Maj. Victor Lopez, AFWERX Autonomy Prime Program Manager
- Maj. Josh Rountree, United States Air Force (USAF) Test Pilot and PhD Student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics.
- Col. Jason Hansberger, Department of the Air Force (DAF) -Stanford AI Studio and Air Mobility Command (AMC) Special Advisor
- Ganesh Harihaha, Mission Engineering Lead at Scale AI
- Moderator: Lt. Col. Russell G. Shirey, Chief, DAF Artificial Intelligence (AI) Integration

**4 – 4:45 p.m.**

**Panel:** Disruptive Defense - AI Track  
“AI at the Crossroads of Global Trade and Security”

Wolverine - Floor 8



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## SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Livestream Link: [https://youtube.com/live/\\_KqUkRQZKOA?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/_KqUkRQZKOA?feature=share)

9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**INVITE ONLY** Capital Factory VC Brunch

Voltron - Floor 1

10 – 10:45 a.m.

**Panel:** Disruptive Defense - Tech Track  
“The CYBER Priority Across the Federal Government”

Wolverine - Floor 8

- United States Space Force (USSF)
- CyberX Navy
- Cyberworx
- Moderator: Zach Walker, DIU - Texas Lead

11 – 11:45 a.m.

**Panel:** Disruptive Defense - DIU Track  
“DIU 101”

Wolverine - Floor 8

1 – 1:45 p.m.

**INVITE ONLY** Capital Factory VC Roundtable with DIU and AFWERX

Wolverine - Floor 8

**2 – 2:45 p.m.**

**Fireside Chat:** Disruptive Defense - Energy Track  
“DoD Energy Needs”

Voltron - Floor 1

- Newt McKissick, Senior Military Advisor - DIU Energy Portfolio
- Moderator: Tom Holm, Executive Director of the Energy Defense Council

**Watch Party**  
Wolverine - Floor 8

**3 – 3:50 p.m.**

**Panel:** AFWERX Track  
“Alternate Funding Panel with the DIU and AFWERX Teams”

Voltron - Floor 1

- Helena Krusec, AFWERX Capital Initiatives Project Manager
- Jim Rabuck, DIU DoDX (DICE) Director
- Nick Breedlove, Small Business Investment Company Critical Technology (SBICCT) Initiative
- Moderator: Ben McNally, Capital Factory

**3 – 3:45 p.m.**

**Panel:** Disruptive Defense - AI Track  
“Counter Unmanned - I got it, I got it... I don't got it.”

Wolverine - Floor 8

**4 – 4:45 p.m.**

**AFWERX Track Panel:** “AFWERX & SpaceWERX STRATFI Successes and Selections!”

Voltron - Floor 1

- Daniel Carroll, AFWERX Ventures Division Chief
- Arthur Grijalva, Director of SpaceWERX
- Will Wilder, Founder & CEO of Wilder Systems

**4 – 4:45 p.m.**

**Panel:** Disruptive Defense - DIU Track  
”Ecosystem Mapping for Technology Transition & Ask Me Anything (AMA) with DIU”

Wolverine - Floor 8

**5 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Panel:** Disruptive Defense - DIU Track  
”Introduction to DICE (Defense Innovation Community Entities) Digital Ecosystem”

Wolverine - Floor 8

**5 – 5:45 p.m.**

**AFWERX Track Panel:** “Shaping the Future of Space through SBIR/STTR Transitions”

Voltron - Floor 1

- Melissa Garmoe, SpaceWERX Growth Stage Lead
- Brian Bone, Principal Director of the Commercial Space Futures Office - The Aerospace Corporation
- John Canipe, Military Program Manager - Texas Space Commission

## SUNDAY, MARCH 9

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Joint Office Hours:** Hosted by AFWERX and NavalX

Wolverine - Floor 8

Participating Entities:

AFWERX Ventures (Phase I and Phase II)	DoD Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP)
AFWERX & SpaceWERX Ventures: STRATFI/TACFI	DIU OnRamp Hubs
AFWERX Challenge	DIU Portfolios
AFWERX Prime	NavalX
NATO Defence Innovation Accelerator for the North Atlantic (DIANA)	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)

11 – 11:40 a.m.

**Panel:** Newcomers Track  
“SBIR/STTR with Joint Services”

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- Chase Eiserman, AFWERX Ventures Growth Stage Investment Branch Chief
- Capt. Whitney Hessler, SpaceWERX Spark Branch Chief
- Brian Shipley, Director of the Department of the Navy (DoN) SBIR/STTR Programs
- Christopher Chase, United States Marine Corps (USMC) Liaison Officer

**1 – 1:40 p.m.**

**Panel:** Newcomers Track

“Hidden Gems: Free Tools and Resources for Small Businesses”

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**3 – 3:40 p.m.**

**Panel:** Newcomers Programming

“How I Did It - Small Businesses Working with the Government”

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