

FED SUPERNOVA

AUGUST 19 - 21
CAPITAL FACTORY (AUSTIN, TEXAS)

2025 Fed Supernova Schedule

* Times are local Central Daylight Time.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

9 – 11:30 a.m. **INVITE ONLY:** AFWERX/SpaceWERX Pilot Office Hours

Wolverine - Floor 8

10 – 11 a.m. **INVITE ONLY:** AFWERX/SpaceWERX Team

Wolverine - Floor 8

1 – 5 p.m. **Joint Office Hours:** Hosted by AFWERX

Wolverine - Floor 8

Participating Entities:

AFWERX & SpaceWERX Ventures: Phase I & Newcomers	Army Applications Laboratory (AAL)
AFWERX & SpaceWERX Ventures: Phase II & STRATFI/TACFI Inquiries	Air Force Research Laboratory Small Business Office (AFRL/SB)
AFWERX Challenge Program	AFWERX Spark
SpaceWERX	DIU OnRamp Hubs
Marine Innovation Unit (MIU)	NavalX
Small Business Administration (SBA): Programs and Certifications	United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM)	

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4:30 – 6 p.m.

INVITE ONLY: AAL/DIU Unmanned Systems Social

Floor 8

5 – 6 p.m.

BACKSTAGE PASSES ONLY: Startup Crawl Kickoff

Atrium - Floor 1

6 – 8 p.m.

Dual-Use Startup Crawl/Fed Supernova Kickoff

Atrium - Floor 1

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

9:15 – 9:30 a.m.

Fed Supernova Kickoff & Welcome Remarks

[The Paramount Theater](#) - Downtown Austin

Simulcasting from The Paramount Theater to Capital Factory (Voltron & Captain America)

10 – 10:30 a.m.

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- Maj. General Mark Slominski, Air Force Materiel Command mobilization assistant to the commander

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11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

INVITE ONLY: Defense Innovation Unit Community of Entities (DICE)
Meeting

Army Applications Laboratory (AAL) Offices - Floor 8

1 – 1:10 p.m.

Announcement: AFWERX and SpaceWERX TACFI Selections

Wolverine - Floor 8

- AFWERX Ventures & SpaceWERX Space Ventures Team

1:05 – 1:45 p.m.

Panel: Requirements for Readiness

Voltron - Floor 1

- Col. Aneel Alvares, AFWERX military deputy

1:15 – 1:55 p.m.

Panel: DIU Case Studies & Spicy Takes

Wolverine - Floor 8

- Luke Walter, interim AFWERX chief strategy officer

2:05 – 2:45 p.m.

Panel: From Concept to Capability: How STRATFI & TACFI are
Accelerating AFWERX & SpaceWERX Successes

Wolverine - Floor 8

- Melissa Garmoe, SpaceWERX growth stage lead
- Marty Roodettes, AFWERX Ventures lead program manager
- Awarded STRATFI & TACFI portfolio companies

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2 – 3 p.m.

INVITE ONLY: Capital Factory VC Roundtable

Classroom - Floor 15

3 – 3:45 p.m.

Panel: Boots off the Ground

ACL - Floor 16

- Maj. Victor Lopez, AFWERX Autonomy Prime program manager

3 – 3:45 p.m.

Panel: Forge Ahead

Voltron - Floor 1

- Dr. Mark Benedict, Air Force Research Laboratory senior scientist for convergent digital manufacturing

5 – 7 p.m.

Happy Hour (Sponsored Event)

Voltron – Floor 1

Evening

INVITE ONLY: Capital Factory VIP Social

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

9:05 – 9:35 a.m.

Keynote: Acquiring the Future Force

Voltron - Floor 1

- William Bailey, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

Panel: Reloading the Arsenal

Voltron - Floor 1

- Brig. Gen. Jason E. Bartolomei, Air Force Research Laboratory commander

11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Panel: Accelerating Innovation to Win the Future

Voltron - Floor 1

- Brig. Gen. Jason E. Bartolomei, Air Force Research Laboratory commander
- Karen Roth, AFWERX deputy director
- Arthur Grijalva, SpaceWERX director

1:05 – 1:45 p.m.

Panel: Space Power: National Security in Orbit and Beyond

Voltron - Floor 1

- Arthur Grijalva, SpaceWERX director

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2 – 2:45 p.m.

Panel: Texas and Dual-Use Innovation Across Domains

Voltron - Floor 1

- Lt Col Vinny Pande, SpaceWERX Ventures

2 – 2:45 p.m.

Panel: Keeping the Frontier Endless: Academia, Government, and Industry Driving Innovation for National Security

Captain America - Floor 8

- Karen Roth, AFWERX deputy director

2 – 2:45 p.m.

Panel: Defense SBIR/STTR 101 with Q&A

Wolverine - Floor 8

- Capt. Marc Green, AFWERX Ventures space portfolio lead
- Maj. Athina Teicher, AFWERX Ventures branch chief

3 – 3:45 p.m.

Panel: Federal Front Doors: Helping Startups Get Started with Government

Wolverine - Floor 8

- Kathy Reid, AFWERX Spark deputy director

4 – 4:30 p.m.

INVITE ONLY: AFWERXSpaceWERX Team Meeting

Location TBD

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