



March 12 - 13
AUSTIN, TEXAS

2026 Capital Factory House Schedule

**Times are local Central Daylight Time*

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 – 9:05 a.m.

AFWERX Track Kickoff & Welcome Remarks

Voltron - Floor 1

- Mia Blessing, AFWERX Strategic Communications Lead

9:05 – 9:55 a.m.

Keynote: Shaping the Future Fight: Understanding DAF Priorities

Voltron - Floor 1

- Mr. William Bailey, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition, Technology & Logistics

10:00 - 10:25 a.m.

Keynote Fireside Chat: Digital Transformation within the Department of the Air Force

Voltron - Floor 1

- Brig. Gen. Jason Bartolomei, Commander, Air Force Research Laboratory
- Brig. Gen. Douglas Wickert, Director, Air, Space and Cyberspace Operations

10:35 – 11:25 a.m.

Keynote Panel: How AFRL is Organizing to Disrupt the Valley of Death

Voltron - Floor 1

- Moderator: Dr. Reid Melville, Chief Innovation Officer, Integrated Capabilities Directorate, AFRL
- Panelists:
 - Dr. Daniel Brannum, Chief of Engagements AFRL
 - Arthur Grijalva, Director, SpaceWERX
 - Col Josh Rasmussen, Deputy Director, AFMC
 - Dr. Richard Vaia, Chief Scientist for the Materials and Manufacturing Directorate

11:35 – 12:00 p.m.

Fireside Chat: AFWERX: Scaling Success and Charting the Future

Voltron - Floor 1

- Arthur Grijalva, SpaceWERX Director
- Mia Blessing, AFWERX Strategic Communications Lead

12:10 – 1:00 p.m.

Panel: TacRS: From Idea to Mission Impact - A Success Story

Voltron - Floor 1

- Moderator: Cayley Dymond, Challenge Lead
- Panelists:
 - Arthur Grijalva, SpaceWERX Director
 - John Plumb, K2 Space, Head of Strategy
 - Gary Li, Impulse Space, Business Development Manager

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Dual-Use Startup Crawl

Atrium - Floor 1

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

9:00 – 9:50 a.m.

Keynote Fireside Chat: The "Dual-Use" Pipeline: Scaling Tech for Space Force Readiness

Voltron - Floor 1

- Arthur Grijalva, SpaceWERX Director
- Lt. Col. Theresa Kopecky, United States Space Force Liaison Officer to Headquarters Sixteenth Air Force, and Director, Operating Location-Austin, Texas on behalf of HQ, Space Force S6

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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AAL Office - Floor 8

10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Panel: Navigating the SBIR/STTR Landscape: Best Practices for Success

Voltron - Floor 1

- Moderator: Mr. Allen Franke, SBIR/STTR In/Outreach
- Panelists:
 - Maj Athina Teicher, Planning & Development In/Outreach
 - Melissa Garmoe, SpaceWERX Accelerate Branch Lead
 - Susie Drummond, Navy SBIR/STTR Outreach

11:00 – 11:50 a.m.

Panel: Small Business, Big Impact: STRATFI & TACFI Success Stories in Dual-Use Technology

Voltron - Floor 1

- Moderator: Melissa Garmoe, SpaceWERX Accelerate Branch Lead
- Panelists:
 - Cassie Miller, Castelion, Senior Manager, Government Affairs
 - Ian Muceus, Firestorm Labs, Co-Founder and CTO
 - Zane Mountcastle, Picogrid, CEO and Co-Founder
 - Josh Martin, Varda, Vice President of Government Affairs

12:00 – 12:50 p.m.

Panel: Mission, Market, Momentum: The Air & Space Tech Investment Opportunity

Voltron - Floor 1

- Moderator: David Miller, Innovation Ventures Office, FBI
- Panelists:
 - Melissa Garmoe, SpaceWERX Accelerate Branch Lead
 - Mike Feng, Griffiss Institute, Senior Director, Innovation and Partnerships
 - Michael Falcon, In-Q-Tel, Partner

12:50 – 1:00 p.m.

AFWERX Track Closing Remarks

Voltron - Floor 1

- Arthur Grijalva, SpaceWERX Director

The logo for Capital Factory House, featuring the word "house" in a large, white, lowercase sans-serif font. The letter "o" is replaced by a white gear icon with a star in the center. The words "CAPITAL" and "FACTORY" are written in a smaller, white, uppercase sans-serif font, stacked vertically on either side of the gear.

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