

AFWERX

January Newsletter



AFWERX Grand Opening With Vice President Mike Pence & Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Heather Wilson

January 11th, 2018 Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Heather Wilson and other

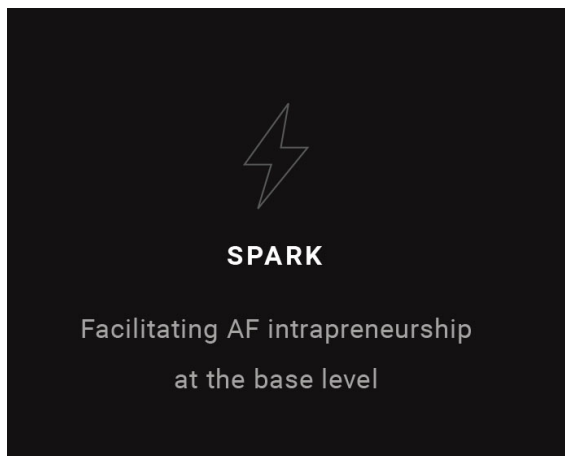
AFWERX Vegas is more than a facility, it is an ecosystem for connecting people who are

esteemed guests helped launch the AFWERX Vegas hub, a center to provide innovative solutions to tough Air Force problem sets.

The grand opening marks the increasing drive of the Air Force towards innovation and collaboration among the best and brightest minds our nation holds in air, space and cyber.

interested in solving tough problems for the Air Force. This AFWERX location, opened by DEFENSEWERX, is located at the HC I Center® near the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, is a prime location for students, faculty, small businesses and entrepreneurs to easily connect with the Air Force community.

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SPARK

AFX is planning a 3-day Spark Innovation Summit at Travis AFB 5-7 March. Over 100 attendees are expected. Topics include starting up a Spark Cell at a base, insights on contracting and finances, as well as ethics and legal considerations. Confirmed keynote speakers include Steve Blank and Pete Newell.

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Spark Tank

This month, Airmen Powered by Innovation and AFWERX completed

the next phase of the “Spark Tank” event for February's AFA—selection of 6 finalists, who will pitch their ideas to Senior Leaders live at AFA.

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SPARK TANK

Access to mentors and a competitive driver



TECH ACCELERATOR

Scouting ventures with military interest to create more options today and in the future

AFX Tech Accelerator

The 10 teams kicked off their 3-month acceleration this week. AFWERX is meeting with each company and has received positive responses from the participating DoD community composed of AF, Army, USMC and DoD agencies. The tentative Demonstration Day for the accelerator’s results is scheduled for 19 April.

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Upcoming

“DRONE WARS” BECOMES “NEXT GEN UAS”: Collaboration of AFWERX, AFRL, RCAF, and SOFWERX continues for this year’s “Rethinking UAS” event. The multi-month framework being developed includes:

- a. education sessions regarding rapid acquisition and technology transfer
- b. demonstrations of tech advancement from the AFWERX & SOFWERX c-UAS events

- c. technology vendors displaying broader capabilities that could apply to perimeter security

AFX-VEGAS: AFX-V is leading the linking and development of the “Rethinking UAS” components. The “Fridays @ AFWERX” discussion for 2 Feb topic will now be “Autonomous Perimeter Surveillance.” Featured speaker from Nellis AFB will be Lt Col Czarney. Fridays @ AFWERX event invite [HERE](#).

AFX-DC: AFX-DC is leading the “Art of the Possible” discussion with CSAF’s Strategic Studies Group, examining possible ways to support and track innovation funds and projects that “intrapreneurs” within the Air Force will undertake.

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