



ThunderDrone Tech Exposition

5-7 September 2017

Event Outcomes

The SOFWERX ThunderDrone Technology Exposition kicked off 5 – 7 Sept hosting over 400 participants. The expo displayed forward-thinking technologies and facilitated the exchange of collaborative ideas for innovative capability development. The expo also offered direct feedback between industry partners, SOF warfighters, and acquisition professionals to address warfighter gaps that drone capabilities could potentially satisfy. The Tech Expo concluded with a Warfighter ideation forum that allowed pinpointed dialogue between SOFWERX and Warfighter attendees. The discussion covered capabilities observed and technologies recommended to lead into the Tech Sprints and ultimately a final demonstration at the ThunderDrone Rodeo 1 – 3 Nov 2017.

- The ThunderDrone Tech Expo hosted 402 Industry and Warfighter professionals. 106 innovative drone technology companies were represented.
- This event provided collaborative efforts to identify paths forward to rapidly field innovative capabilities for the SOF Warfighter.
- 19 Industry companies showcased their capabilities in the ThunderDrone flying facility. Other companies provided demonstrations at their exhibition booths to SOF Warfighters, DoD representatives, and other Industry partners.
- Through Warfighter feedback, Industry capabilities, and SME identification, thirteen (13) collaborative technical experiments were engineered for industry and lab participation within the Tech Sprints (28 Sept-29 Oct) leading to the ThunderDrone Rodeo capstone event.
- The ThunderDrone team worked through 178 Warfighter and SME feedback inputs to identify 75+ vendors for single and/or collaborative technology demonstrations to satisfy SOF Warfighter capability gaps.