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ANNUAL REPORT 2023

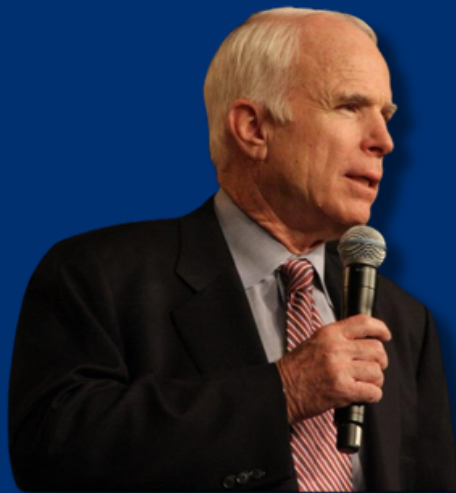


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ABOUT SILICON VALLEY DEFENSE GROUP

Silicon Valley Defense Group (SVDG) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation working to align and connect the people, capital, and ideas that will ensure allied democracies retain a durable techno-security advantage.



“Accessing sources of innovation beyond the Defense Department is critical for national security in the future. However, the defense acquisition system is leading many commercial firms to choose not to do business with the Defense Department, or to limit their engagement in ways that prevent the Department from accessing the critical technologies that these companies have to offer.”

–Senator John McCain, 2015

VISION

Ensure the U.S. and our allied democracies achieve a durable advantage in the global techno-security competition.

MISSION

Create the nexus of pioneering ideas, people, and capital that will unlock new sources of innovation for national security and power the digital evolution of the defense industrial base.

ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW

2023

18 SALON DINNERS &
NETWORKING EVENTS



8 WEBINARS &
PODCASTS



8 ROUNDTABLES &
PANELS



5 ARTICLES &
REPORTS



3 CO-SPONSORED
CONFERENCES



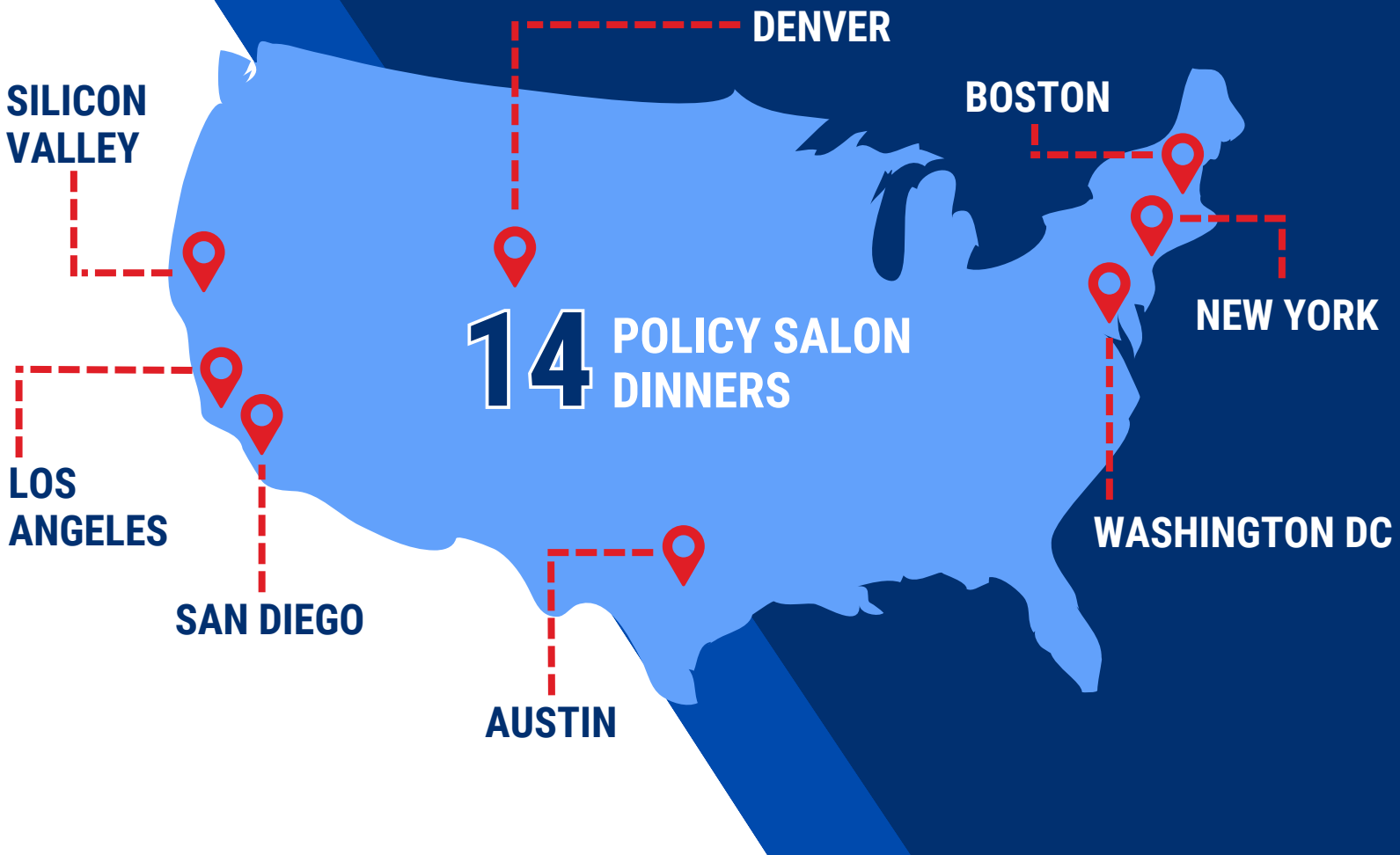
SIGNATURE EFFORTS

SV
DG **NATSEC100**
2023 EDITION

SV
DG **Academy**



POLICY SALON DINNERS



425 TOTAL DINNER ATTENDEES

32 MEDIAN GUEST COUNT

TOPICS INCLUDED:

- SPACE
- CHINA
- STRATEGIC CAPITAL
- AUTONOMY
- AUKUS
- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

ROUNDTABLES, PANELS & CONFERENCES



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY

*SVDG Roundtable with the
Office of Strategic Capital*
Silicon Valley

APRIL

*SVDG Roundtable with
Representative Wittman*
Cambridge

MAY

*SVDG & NWCFC Symposium
on U.S.-China Relations*
Silicon Valley

SEPTEMBER

*SVDG Panel @ Balyasny
Asset Management Summit*
Jackson Hole

NOVEMBER

*Stanford Tech & National Security
Conference (sponsored by SVDG)*
Silicon Valley

FEBRUARY

*SVDG Roundtable with
Representative Calvert*
Silicon Valley

APRIL

*HBS/MIT Tech & National Security
Conference (sponsored by SVDG)*
Cambridge

JUNE

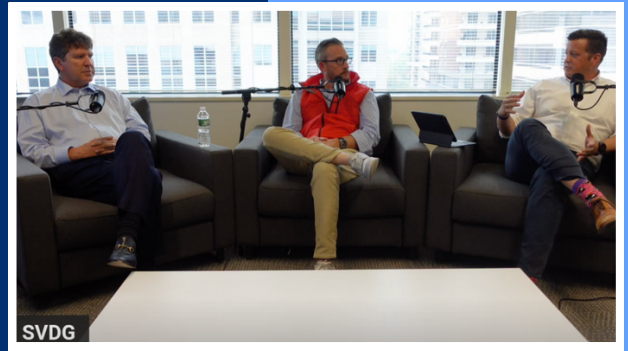
*SVDG Panel @ JP Morgan's
Vets in VC Conference*
New York

SEPTEMBER

*SVDG Quantum Policy
Roundtable*
Washington DC



PODCASTS & WEBINARS



TOPICS INCLUDED

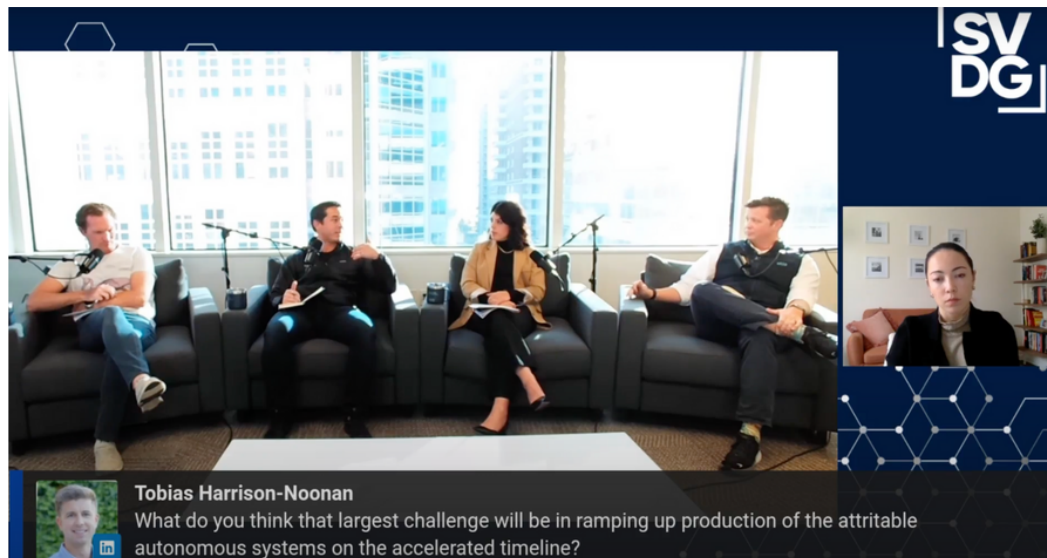
EMERGING TECH READINESS

FLEXIBLE FUNDING

WORKING IN DEFENSE TECH

SCALING AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS

VENTURE-BACKED SPACE



LINKEDIN LIVE WEBINAR STATS

12K *Total views across all webinar broadcasts in 2023*



10x *Additional on-demand views after broadcast*



15x *Increased viewership over 2022*

THE INAUGURAL NATSEC100

The NatSec100 is our newly developed, annual ranked list of the top venture-funded defense and dual-use startups.



SV NATSEC100

2023 EDITION



*“U.S. national security relies on **private sector innovation** to remain at the cutting-edge of **military technology** and to compete in the era of great power competition. I’m pleased to see **the nation’s top-tier startups** in the defense and national security space recognized on this list.”*

**-Representative Rob Wittman, VA-01
Vice Chairman, House Armed Services Committee**

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

In 2023, SVDG was featured in the following publications:

POLITICO

**Bloomberg
Law[®]**



**FINANCIAL
TIMES**

DefenseNews

 **EXECUTIVEGOV**

ViaSatellite

**BREAKING
DEFENSE**



**FEDERAL
NEWS
NETWORK**

GOVCON WIRE

INSIDE DEFENSE

DEFENSE DAILY

REACH

SV DG WEBSITE TRAFFIC



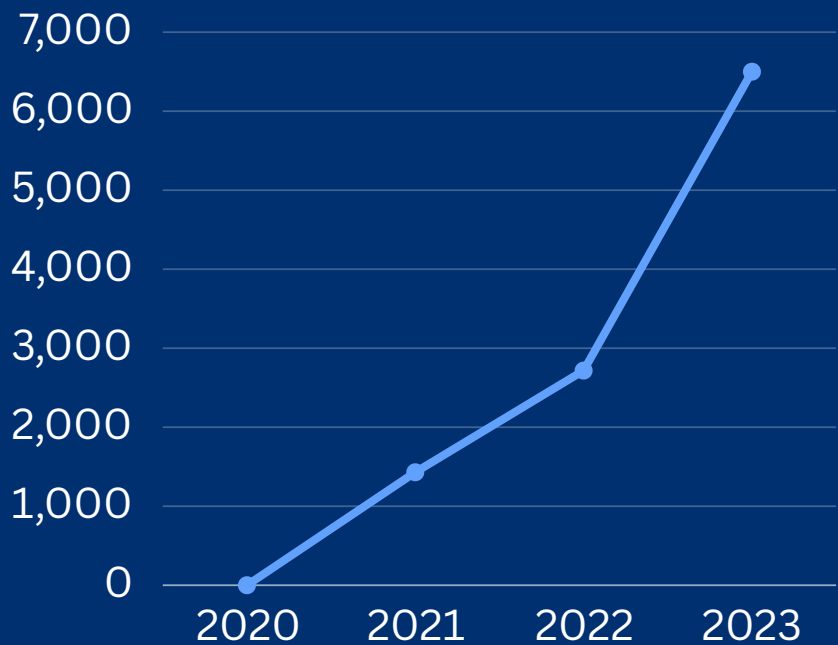
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Year/Year
Increase in
Website Traffic



LINKEDIN FOLLOWERS

+135%

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Increase in
LinkedIn
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SVDG ACADEMY

The SVDG Academy takes cohorts of 10 venture-backed companies on a 6 month exploration of the national security market through programming across three residences.

WASHINGTON DC

- NatSec Ecosystem101
- Working with Channel Partners
- Storytelling & Thought Leadership



SILICON VALLEY

- Dual Use Venture Capital
- CFIUS & ITAR
- Accreditation



SAN DIEGO

- Experiential Learning
- Connecting with Warfighters
- Putting it Together

BETA COHORT COMPANIES

Craft

 CYBLE

EPSILON3

GIGAIO



HiveWatch

 INSTRUMENTAL

 lumafield

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 REGENT

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