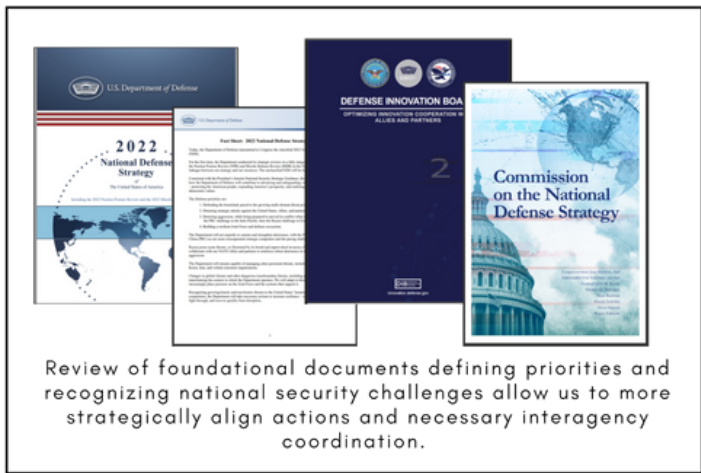


Forge and Silicon Valley Defense Group (SVDG) Lead Robust Conversation on Emerging Tech Readiness Ecosystem

Forge was honored to co-host the Silicon Valley Defense Group (SVDG) Lunch and Learn, "Exploring the INDOPACOM Innovation Security Cooperation Landscape." The conversation provided a valuable opportunity to discuss INDOPACOM-specific emerging technology Security Cooperation (SC) opportunities and funding avenues, DoD-wide innovation priorities, and the challenges of bringing new ideas into a complex and evolving environment.



Attendees included investors, industry leaders, and government partners, all of whom are working at the intersection of emerging technology and national security. The discussion led to a robust exchange of ideas and deep dives into pivotal national security-related topics – particularly, the importance of building an emerging tech readiness ecosystem to bolster integrated deterrence efforts ensuring the U.S., along with its partners and allies, maintain advantages against near-peer competitors.

Attendees discussed how to bring new technology opportunities developed by start-up investors, to the established defense industrial base community, as well as the landscape and decision-makers involved in ally and partner defense capability development. Attendees left the session with the knowledge of U.S. defense priorities, case studies of successful integration of emerging technologies, and a stakeholder map of how to navigate the complexities of the DoD SC landscape.

As career security cooperation veterans, Forge practitioners are dedicated to supporting government clients and commercial entities by being resource connectors that enable the design and implementation of enduring international national security programs. Their expertise, coupled with a deeply passionate force within, pushes them to explore ideas and drive conversations about improving their SC community – a community they unequivocally believe is a cornerstone of National Security.



About the Silicon Valley Defense Group (SVDG): The United States is lagging in the global techno-security competition and lacks effective policy, education, and coordination to compete with its rivals. SVDG seeks to align and connect the people, capital, and ideas that will ensure allied democracies retain a durable techno-security advantage. Improve relations between the innovation hub of Silicon Valley and the technology demands of the defense market. Learn more, About – SVDG

About Forge’s Regional, Strategy & Policy (RPS) Division: A specialized group of international engagement practitioners focused on maximizing defense collaboration with allies and partners, Forge’s RPS practice expertly navigates the complexities of Security Cooperation. Forge unlocks the potential beyond traditional programs, assisting the Security Cooperation enterprise and advising the industry on the design and execution of initiatives across the Indo-Pacific and beyond. The result? Tangible, lasting, widespread transformative international security gains.

The Future is multilateral.
By integrating allies and partners into defense innovation initiatives and seeking creative solutions with non-traditional industry partners, the DoD can scale innovation at the speed necessary to compete with known threats.