

# Salute!

## VETERAN PITCH COMPETITION

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eMerge Americas proudly presents the inaugural SALUTE! Veteran Pitch Competition, sponsored by The Veteran Fund. On January 22, 2025, eight exceptional startups will pitch live online to top investors and industry experts. The top two will advance to the exclusive Veteran Accelerator + Showcase at eMerge Americas in Miami on March 27-28, 2025.

### WHAT'S AT STAKE

- Showcase your startup for 2 days to nearly 20,000 attendees, receive Delta travel certificates, and enjoy more benefits worth **over \$12,000...completely free!**
- Chance to gain global visibility, connect with top investors, and accelerate your growth.

### PRIZES?

- **1st Place:** Entry into the Veteran Accelerator + Showcase (valued at \$12K+) PLUS \$1,000 micro-grant courtesy of IVMF-Bunker Labs
- **2nd Place:** Entry into the Veteran Accelerator + Showcase (valued at \$12K+) PLUS \$500 in Delta travel certificates

### STARTUP CRITERIA

- Tech or tech-enabled startups with a service member, veteran, first responder, or military spouse on the leadership team
- Live MVP, paying customers, and a core team of at least 2 full-time employees
- May have raised capital (Pre-Seed to Seed rounds)
- Operating in one of the following sectors:
  - Aerospace and Defense
  - Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
  - Blockchain & Web3 Technologies
  - Climate Technology & Energy
  - Cybersecurity
  - Financial Technology (FinTech)
  - Frontier Technologies (Quantum Computing, Robotics)
  - Health Technology (BioTech, Digital Health, Services, Life Sciences, Medical Devices)
  - Semiconductors & Hardware

## REQUIREMENTS

- 1** Meet startup criteria above
- 2** [Submit the SALUTE! Pitch Competition application](#) 
- 3** [Submit Veteran Accelerator + Showcase application](#) 

**To be considered, both applications must be submitted by  
Monday, January 6, 2025, at 11:59 PM.**