

The Startup Industrial Base

Building for the Next 250

Wednesday, September 30, 2026 | Gallup, 901 F St NW, Washington, DC

Running about 15 minutes behind.

MORNING & EARLY AFTERNOON

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8:30 AM	Doors open Registration, coffee and hardware displays
9:00 AM	Welcome & opening remarks Garry Tan, President & CEO, Y Combinator
9:05 AM	Solugen (Gaurab Chakrabarti)
9:15 AM	Under Secretary Emil Michael Fireside with Jason Miller
9:45 AM	Splash Industries (Ivan Avanesov)
9:55 AM	Deepnight (Eric Braddom)
10:00 AM	Secretary Sean Duffy Fireside with Garry Tan
10:25 AM	Perseus Defense (Dr. Jason Cornelius)
10:35 AM	Albacore (Dante Vaisbort)
10:40 AM	9 Mothers (Russell Smith)
10:50 AM	Metalware (Ryan Chow)
11:00 AM	Under Secretary Jules Hurst Fireside with Jarren Reid (Usul)
11:25 AM	Onebrief (Grant Demaree)
11:35 AM	Hop Aero (Matija Milenovic)
11:40 AM	Lunch
12:15 PM	Eric Alborg with Olivia Marotte Author conversation Build for Defense
12:30 PM	Senator Tim Sheehy Fireside with Vivian Shen
12:50 PM	Earendil Robotics (James Walton)
1:00 PM	Zephyr Fusion (Edward Hinson)
1:05 PM	Space founder panel Moderated by Jacob Reses Bram Schork (General Astronautics) · Skyler Chan (GRU Space) Alex Lisso (Inflection Space Systems) · Jacob Ososke (Orca Aerospace)

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AFTERNOON & RECEPTION

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| 1:30 PM | NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman
Fireside with Ashi Dissanayake (co-founder, Spaceium) |
| 1:50 PM | Array Labs (Andrew Peterson) |
| 2:00 PM | Congressman Pat Ryan
Fireside with Tyler Bosmeny |
| 2:20 PM | Relling (Jai Relan) |
| 2:30 PM | ProvenMetal (Johnny Doyle) |
| 2:35 PM | Greypoint Industries (Steven Xu) |
| 2:45 PM | Sixtyfour (Saarth Shah) |
| 2:50 PM | Afternoon break |
| 3:00 PM | Tomas Salvo (Reaper) with Taylor Budowich
Fireside conversation |
| 3:15 PM | Reality Defender (Kyra Rauschenbach) |
| 3:20 PM | DAIVIN! (Leo Kankkunen) |
| 3:30 PM | Meet YC's Fall 2026 founders
Moderated by Chris Golda (Y Combinator)
Kush Agarwal (Aviern) · Charlie Jessett (Streamline Systems)
Mo Akbar (Foreshadow Industries)
Henrijs Dandzbergs (Lokberg Industries) |
| 3:55 PM | Rownd (Robert Thelen) |
| 4:00 PM | RiskCube (Andrei Craciunescu) |
| 4:10 PM | Seeing Systems (Alex Le Maitre) |
| 4:15 PM | Defense Innovation Unit conversation
Chris Murphy (DIU) with Pete Koomen (Y Combinator) |
| 4:35 PM | Wardstone (Sebastian Fischer) |
| 4:45 PM | Null Labs (Kristopher Luo) |
| 4:50 PM | Closing remarks
Luther Lowe, Y Combinator |
| 5:00 PM | Happy hour at Dirty Habit
5:00-7:00 PM Hosted by Locke, NAIA and Y Combinator |