



SOFWERX



USSOCOM Teen Leadership Program

22-26 July 2024

Event Outcomes

SOFWERX hosted and supported the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) second annual Teen Leadership Program. High school-aged students, each a child of a special operator or United States Special Operations Command worker, participated in a week-long series of activities, including visits to United States Coast Guard Sector St. Pete, FOURSIGHT with Joint Special Operations University, SOFWOLF, Channel 10 Tampa Bay, COMMAND TALK/United States Special Operations Command Visual Media Support Detachment, the local Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters in Tampa, a hospitality center, the Henry B. Plant Museum, and the Tampa Museum of Art. On the final day, students visited SOFWERX for a specially designed STEM Day. In addition to many hands-on activities, SOFWERX staff hosted a guest speaker who discussed critical thinking and decision-making processes, enriching students' understanding of the mental agility required in special operations.

- SOFWERX staff facilitated STEM activities emphasizing collaboration, innovation, communication, teamwork, and the engineering design process, aligning with USSOCOM's mission to develop adaptable and skilled leaders
- Activities included minute math, the spaghetti marshmallow tower challenge, and a practical exercise in building functional flashlights and motorized robots
- SOFWERX provided a comprehensive tour, highlighting its impact on the Special Operations Forces (SOF) community and its role in advancing USSOCOM's technological edge
- The students presented what they learned each day and expressed that they thoroughly enjoyed their hands-on activities at SOFWERX

