

## **Great American Teach-In 2024**

## 21 November 2024

SOFWERX, in partnership with Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS) and Pinellas County Schools (PCS), led The Great American Teach-Inan annual event where professionals, including members of the Special Operations Forces (SOF). share their knowledge and experiences with students. The participation of SOFWERX and SOF professionals offered students valuable perspectives on their roles, expertise, and the importance of their work. The Great American Teach-In inspired and educated the next generation by strengthening the connection between the SOF community and students, creating a unique platform for mentorship and learning. Students explored principles of structural design, material strength, and stability by constructing functional prototypes, gaining practical understanding of engineering concepts and real-world problem-solving.

## **Event Outcomes**

- SOFWERX staff visited each classroom at Shore Elementary Magnet School, reaching and engaging with over 500 students.
- At the event, SOFWERX staff immersed students in experiential learning, a dynamic curriculum, and hands-on engineering activities, SOFWERX created a direct connection between theoretical knowledge and practical application, fostering a comprehensive understanding of engineering concepts.
- This experience ignited a passion for innovation, teamwork, and problem-solving in students, equipping them with essential skills for future success.

