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## SPEAKER BIO



### **Joey Arora**

Chief Scaling Officer, DoD Platform One |  
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Joey is currently a Chief Scaling Officer working to streamline and scale operations for a government software program (DoD Platform One) designed to get commercial software authorized for use on Department of Defense systems in days and weeks instead of months and years.

He believes that entrepreneurship is key to building a prosperous life for every human. Creating access to capital and jobs drives our economy. Enabling people who foster innovation and change is critical to our success as a society. He has built his life around maximizing these principles.

He is an Air Force Veteran, currently an Air Force reservist, and has served as an Airfield Operations Officer in the US and in Afghanistan. During the second half of his Air Force career, he led innovation efforts and co-founded AFWERX (Air Force Innovation Program) to connect innovators and accelerate results for Air Force culture change and technology adoption. He scaled the government organization from 5 to 350+ people, they engaged over 100,000 Airmen, funded over 1,700 companies with \$529M which led to 530 prototype projects and 21 scaling to serve the strategic needs of the Air Force. He was responsible for shaping the strategy around how the Air Force invests in small businesses.

He has started 3 companies, facilitated Startup Weekends, been a 1 Million Cups organizer, and am a grassroots ecosystem builder. He is passionate about innovation in government, mission-driven, cares deeply about entrepreneurship, enjoys legos, working out, getting outside, and making stories. He believes change happens when you create a movement where people can get involved in building the future we want to be a part of.

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