

Stony Lonesome Group Names Tyler Johnson General Partner

Deepening Florida Footprint Across Nation's Defense Innovation Corridor



Tampa, Florida Jun 17, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - Stony Lonesome Group (SLG), the pioneering dual-use venture capital firm with a 15-year track record of Mission Focused Investing, today announced the appointment of Tyler Johnson as General Partner of Stony Lonesome Capital Fund IV LP. Johnson's addition extends SLG's strategic presence across Florida's defense and innovation corridor — anchored by three of the nation's most consequential military commands.

A Builder at the Intersection of Tech, Defense, and Capital

Since relocating to Miami from Austin, Johnson has become a recognized force in Florida's startup and venture community. As Director of National Security at eMerge Americas — Florida's premier technology and entrepreneurship summit — Johnson was a driving architect of the conference's expansion into dual-use defense technology, directly recruiting SLG's participation and elevating the platform's national security profile. His earlier career at Dell included significant time leading technology operations across China, equipping him with a global lens on emerging technology trends.

As General Partner, Johnson will lead investor development for SLG's Fund IV, forging relationships with family offices, institutional LPs, and impact-aligned investors who recognize the national imperative behind dual-use innovation.

"Tyler Johnson has earned the trust and confidence of everyone at SLG — first as a limited partner, then as a venture partner, and now as General Partner," said Sean Drake, Founder and Managing Partner of Stony Lonesome Group. "His vision in building the dual-use defense track at eMerge Americas was a tangible demonstration of his ability to converge capital, government, and technology in service of our national mission. As SLG scales across the Florida ecosystem, Tyler's relationships and market presence make him a key asset in the SLG dual-use eco-system."

Johnson added: "I'm excited and honored to expand the Stony Lonesome Group mission with a tribe of operators, founders, leaders, and Veterans who've spent decades building and deploying capital that strengthens our national security because Freedom Isn't Free."

Florida: The Nation's Defense Innovation Epicenter

SLG's deepening commitment to Florida is deliberate. The state is home to three of the U.S. military's most powerful unified commands — U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM), U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM), and U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) — creating unparalleled demand for the dual-use deep technology SLG backs. With its headquarters in Tampa, a satellite office in Arlington, Virginia, and now a Miami presence through Johnson, SLG is positioned along every critical node of Florida's defense and innovation axis.

About Stony Lonesome Group

Stony Lonesome Group is a boutique venture capital firm and early pioneer in dual-use, Mission Focused Investing. Founded in 2011, SLG deploys capital at the intersection of National Security, Military Capability, and Veteran Care — backing the deep technology breakthroughs that keep America safe, strong, and decisively competitive because Freedom Isn't Free.

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