Navy submarines are the most powerful vessels of their kind in the world today. There are more than 70 submarines in the Navy Submarine Fleet. Each one is nuclear-powered and classified as one of three different types:

**Fast Attack Submarine (SSN):** The ultimate hunters of the sea, fast attack submarines are primarily designed to seek and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships. They are fast, agile, and armed with torpedoes and cruise missiles. SSNs are the most common type of Navy Submarine.

**Ballistic Missile Submarine (SSBN):** The great intimidators of the sea, ballistic missile submarines (often called “boomers”) are designed to serve a single mission: strategic deterrence. They are armed with long-range intercontinental nuclear missiles and stealthily patrol the ocean’s depths, unseen yet feared. There are 14 SSBNs in operation – each one with enough onboard firepower to make it roughly the fifth most powerful nation on earth.

**Guided Missile Submarine (SSGN):** The covert operators of the sea, guided missile submarines are especially configured to serve and support the needs of special operations around the globe. They are armed with tactical missiles and superior communications and are equally ready to spy or strike. All four of the SSGNs in operation feature a lock-out chamber that allows for clandestine insertion and retrieval of Spec Ops forces.

**Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicles (DSRV):** are the sub fleet’s life vest. When trouble happens beneath the waves, there is only one vessel to call on: the DSRV. They perform underwater rescue operations on disabled submarines for the U.S. or foreign navies. They’re designed for quick deployment in the event of a submarine accident, and are transportable by truck, aircraft, ship or a specially configured attack submarine.

Many Sailors owe their lives to the capabilities of a DSRV and its crew.
Today we were introduced to a new vision with a purpose by our own member, Salah Boukadoum. He described the nascent organization "Impact City" that is boosting and applauding companies like Cafe Momentum and Soap Hope. The upscale restaurant, Cafe Momentum, employs youths with criminal records who are learning the art of fine cooking to become productive citizens. The nonprofit Soap Hope generates income that provides interest free loans to women's businesses around the world aimed at endeavors such as clean water and improved agriculture which fight the causes of poverty.

The major goal of "Impact City" is to assemble a concentration of capital, social thinkers, entrepreneurs and innovators to address issues which confront people around the world.

Salah pointed out why Dallas is the ideal location for this concentration of talent.

- Major Fortune 1000 companies are headquartered here and would benefit from the ideas and concepts generated by "Impact City."
- Dallas is centrally located with a world class airport in DFW.
- We are a thriving region of the country with a philanthropic heart and a "can do" spirit.
- "Impact City" will seek out participation from all segments of society - cultural, education, government and industry to name a few.

The seeds of the aims have already been planted and are beginning to bear fruit such as hubs like The Ground Floor and The Grove and with capital infusion into the Good Returns Group, a source for no interest loans to startup businesses.

Interesting fact: Salah grew up in Coppell, received a degree in music and performed as a concert pianist for 10 years before forming his own computer software company.