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## '74

**Life Membership: 59%**  
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Happy "Father's Day...belated. It's June 21st as I write this, and I'm seeing a lot more activity out there, as activity is increasing across America, covid-19 be dammed!

But I must travel back in time a little to get this column started: More than a year ago, **Keith Jones** (25th Co.), sent me a lot of info, which I misplaced. Which is to say, I never got it into Shipmate. I owe Keith and **Bert Calland** (also 25th Co.) a public apology for my organizational shortcomings. Sorry guys.

Here with are Keith's comments and photos he wanted me to share with the class:

✉ I have been intending to get a more updated note off to you ever since **Neil Rondorf** (30th Co.) started sending in missives on his continuing worldwide exploits. I last recall Neil helping me close down a submarine XO party from a hot tub in Virginia Beach in the early hours of the morning. I seriously salute those in our class who refuse the retirement mantle and continue to press forward in business, government, environmental and social causes. Every time I talk to guys like **Timmy Schnoor** (30th Co.), (who as my grad school room mate saved me numerous times from a poor decision date after too many at the O club on Friday after classes), **Mike Bosse** (18th Co.), **Larry Harvey** (25th Co.), **Kenny Dunn** (35th Co.), and all the rest who haven't relaxed or held back, I wonder if my chosen field to search out the best waterside dive bar with the most frugal happy

hour is a worthy endeavor. But Gail and I have expanded that calling, since adding a truck camper to our sailboat travels, and now are searching for the perfect dive bar on land or sea!! We now have over 35,000 nautical miles (since 2005) on our sailboat Blew Moon, and have completed 70,000 dirt miles over the last 3 years in the truck camper, Rowdy Roadhouse. I will just throw out, as dive bar candidates, Wacky Wandas in Quepos Costa Rica, the Wild Rover in Cusco Peru, the Commodore in Key West, and a new find this last year, Antlers in Yampa Colorado among the thousands of great establishments we have encountered!!

The other reason to write in is to submit a couple of fun pictures: one is from a camping trip out west this year when we passed through the Air Force Academy campground (quite lovely) and came across an anti-West Point t-shirt in the uniform shop. Amazingly, there was not a corresponding shirt against USNA; so we and the zoomies seem to be in agreement towards those gray facilities on the Hudson. Gail and I happened to be at the AF Academy while it accommodated the DoD sponsored Warrior Games, a really big event (Kelly Clarkson gave a free concert in Falcon Stadium; we were able to hear every note from our campsite!!) for veterans who still have tremendous competitive spirit and athletic designs despite some very serious physical challenges. Watched some amazing games of wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby!!

Fast Forward to this July when classmate Bert Calland (VADM ret., Seal's Seal, Deputy Dir. - CIA, Silver Helmet Navy football MVP etc.) asked if I wanted to travel with him to Orlando FL where he was invited to be the keynote speaker at the 38th National Veterans Wheelchair Games. The games were being organized and overseen this year by Karen Shamlin of the Orlando VA offices, and sister to our classmate Larry Harvey (recently in USNA news and Shipmate for being "Rocket Man"- Center for Applied Space Technology

executive/founder involved in stem cell response/development in space environment for cancer research). We had a great experience with all the vets, Melrose gave a poignant and very thoughtful talk on athletic competition in life to the nearly 700 wheelchair athletes; AND we got to spend some time discussing three a day work outs and the pains of aging with another games guest, Brett Favre (big Roger Staubach fan!!). Lots of fun and again some extraordinary efforts by men and women who also refuse to quit or be held back.



Blew Moon and Rowdy Roadhouse at our Panama City Condo



Gail & Keith in Colorado



Friends view on West Point



Keith, Bert and Brett Favre



Keith, Bert, Brett and Larry

Thanx so much, Keith, for taking the time to write.

Keith also provided additional information regarding Bert Calland being honored by the State of Ohio, and having a Wall of Honor dedicated to him by his HS alma mater, Zanesville High School, in Zanesville, OH. Keith was invited to attend the event and speak of his relationship with Bert at the dedication ceremony, where he regaled the audience with sea and Rugby stories. Again, thanx Keith. These stories are constant reminders of how special we are to be members of USNA '74.



Bert Calland - Ohio Native and Hometown Hero

One additional comment Keith sent: despite his slowing down in retirement, and dealing with those afore mentioned pains of aging, Bert is still routinely shooting golf rounds in the low 70's. Keith kindly referred