

ThanksUSA Veterans Tennis

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

U.S. Navy Veteran Charles grew to love tennis during his high school years. “My cousin taught me the game, and I got to where I could beat him, so he found other players that I could compete with,” he shared. “I was really good back then.” It wasn’t long after high school that Charles enlisted in the Navy as a radioman. That was during the height of the Viet Nam War.

Tennis Corps has given Charles the opportunity to dust off his tennis racquet and to rekindle his love for the game. Charles said, “I enjoy coming out and playing with the junior champs because they remind me of myself at that age.”

Charles credits his time in the Navy for giving him focus, accountability, and resilience — qualities that the junior athletes look up to.

“I know you’re going to get better each and every day,” Charles tells the junior players. “Keep working hard and you’ll make your dreams come true.”

