

# ThanksUSA Veterans Tennis

## PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Growing up, Kenneth Best, or “Best” as his friends call him, was taught to work hard and shoot for the stars.

“My mom used to say, ‘Your name is Best, so be the Best!’” And that’s exactly what motivated him to enlist in the Army during the height of the Viet Nam War.

Serving in the 101st Airborne Division, Best fought in the Tet Offensive, service which awarded him a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star and three Air Commendation Medals.

Best embraces Tennis Corps as a means of physical, emotional, and social rehabilitation. He especially loves motivating the junior players with words of encouragement and stories of his military service.

“I see service members who have lost limbs and they’re climbing mountains and running marathons. If they can do that, we can do anything!”

