

WARRIOR GAMES WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL COACH



HEAD COACH
Rodney Williams

It takes years of experience and a vast understanding of a sport to be a coach. It is also known that a great team starts and ends with a great coach. Team Army is fortunate to have that coach this year to lead the wheelchair basketball team – Coach Rodney Williams.

Dating back to the early 1970's, Coach Williams has been a National Wheelchair Games record holder and named "Outstanding Athlete" of the 1974 National Wheelchair Games. Williams went on to compete and medal six times with the U.S. Paralympic Team as well as the U.S. Pan-American Wheelchair Team. It was at these games where Williams set two World Records in the 100 meter and 800 meter wheelchair sprints. Because of his stellar athletic career, Williams was asked to coach the U.S National Wheelchair Basketball Team in 1995.

Williams is in his fifth year coaching wheelchair basketball and it is his goal to help this year's team understand that having an illness or disability can be overcome and that each athlete's future is in their own hands. "When I meet a former athlete that I have coached, it is a tremendous feeling when they express thanks and explain to me how the Warrior Games and their coaches have helped them through tough times," said Williams.

Coach Williams resides in Los Gatos, California. He is a retired Medical Biochemist, but still works as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

"I am honored and privileged to be a coach and mentor for Team Army. I am proud to have been given this great responsibility and to be a member of such an elite team."

