



April 6, 2023



Marine Lance Cpl.  
Rylee McCollum,  
one of 13 marines killed in  
Afghanistan in 2021

Dear Friend,

Every year on Parade Day in Casper, we get the chance to honor 30 fallen soldiers from Wyoming killed in the line of duty fighting the war against terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2022, we donated a new high of \$44,000 in order to fund our 29 existing scholarships and establish a new scholarship at Western Wyoming in the name of Rylee McCollum from Jackson, WY (pictured above). This was due to two generous one-time matching donations. Please join us in making the Casper Chase Fallen Soldiers Memorial 5K possible again. This year the event is Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Why is this event so important?**

The photos you see here are heroes of war. Fallen heroes.

Since it was established in 2010, the Casper Chase Fallen Soldiers Memorial 5K has provided over \$279,000 in scholarship funds - one scholarship for each of the fallen soldiers. These scholarships are awarded at the college closest to their hometowns, and include community colleges in Casper, Cheyenne (LCCC), Rock Springs (Western Wyoming), Riverton (Central Wyoming), Powell (Northwest), Gillette and Sheridan.

Each year, deserving students throughout the state are chosen to receive these scholarships, making a huge impact not only for the students and their families, but also the proud Gold Star families who see their son's or daughter's name associated with the gift as the scholarships are awarded. (Please visit our website to see the names of each soldier, and if you would, take a moment of silence for their families and loved ones who miss them greatly.)

There are costs associated with putting on the Casper Chase Fallen Soldiers Memorial 5K event. We need your support to help us honor our Fallen Soldiers for the 14<sup>th</sup> year in a row.



Marine Pfc.  
Chance R.  
Phelps  
(posthumously  
promoted to  
Lance  
Corporal)

**Will you keep the memory of our Fallen Soldiers alive by giving a gift of \$1000 or more?**

Thank you in advance for your generosity! Simply use the form below or visit our website to sign up as a sponsor or volunteer, or to join in the run or walk on Parade Day, Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. If it's more convenient, I would be honored to come by and receive your gift.

Thank you,

Army Pvt.  
Scott Miller  
Operation  
Iraqi Freedom



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**Casper Chase Memorial 5K Commitment**

**Name and/or Business:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ST:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

(For General, Colonel, or Major please send camera ready logo to [joe@wyoec.com](mailto:joe@wyoec.com))

\_\_\_\_ **Please accept my gift towards the Casper Chase Memorial Scholarship Fund**  
(Indicate sponsorship commitment by checking the level below.)

\_\_\_\_ **\$2500 General: Featured on Website, TV/Radio Spots, Name and Logo on race day banners, shirts, all printed material**

\_\_\_\_ **\$1000 Colonel: Featured on Website, Name and Logo on race day banners, shirts, all printed material**

\_\_\_\_ **\$750- Major: Featured on Website, Name and Logo on race day banners, shirts**

\_\_\_\_ **\$500 - Corporal: Featured on Website**

\_\_\_\_ **\$250 - Private: Listed on the Website**

\_\_\_\_ **I will volunteer for the 5K/Kids Fun Run**

**Please make check payable to Casper Chase, PO Box 52116, Casper, WY 82605**

**Donations are Tax Exempt under the umbrella of the Windy City Striders, a 501(c)3 organization**

**Tax ID # 83-0298531**

**You may sign up as a sponsor or volunteer, or enter the Run or Walk at**  
**<https://www.casperchase.com/>**