

# 'I hope you burn in hell!' What sister of Marine killed in Afghanistan screamed at Biden in Dover

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Some family members of the 13 fallen U.S. service members lashed out at President during the Sunday dignified transfer of their remains, a Tuesday report details.

Mark Schmitz, the father of Lance Corporal Jared Schmitz, that a sister of a fallen troop yelled at the president after receiving the remains on Sunday: 'I hope you burn in hell! That was my brother!'

'I can't fault her for it,' Schmitz told the Post. 'We all lost somebody.'

Schmitz said that he showed a picture of his son to Biden and told the president: 'Don't you ever forget that name. Don't you ever forget that face. Don't you ever forget the names of the other 12. And take some time to learn their stories.'

He recalled that Biden didn't seem to like those comments.

'I do know their stories,' Schmitz detailed that the president shot back.

The families gathered in Dover, Delaware on Sunday where the remains of the 13 troops who died in a suicide bombing near the Kabul airport on Thursday arrived. Biden was at the base for the dignified transfer of the fallen.

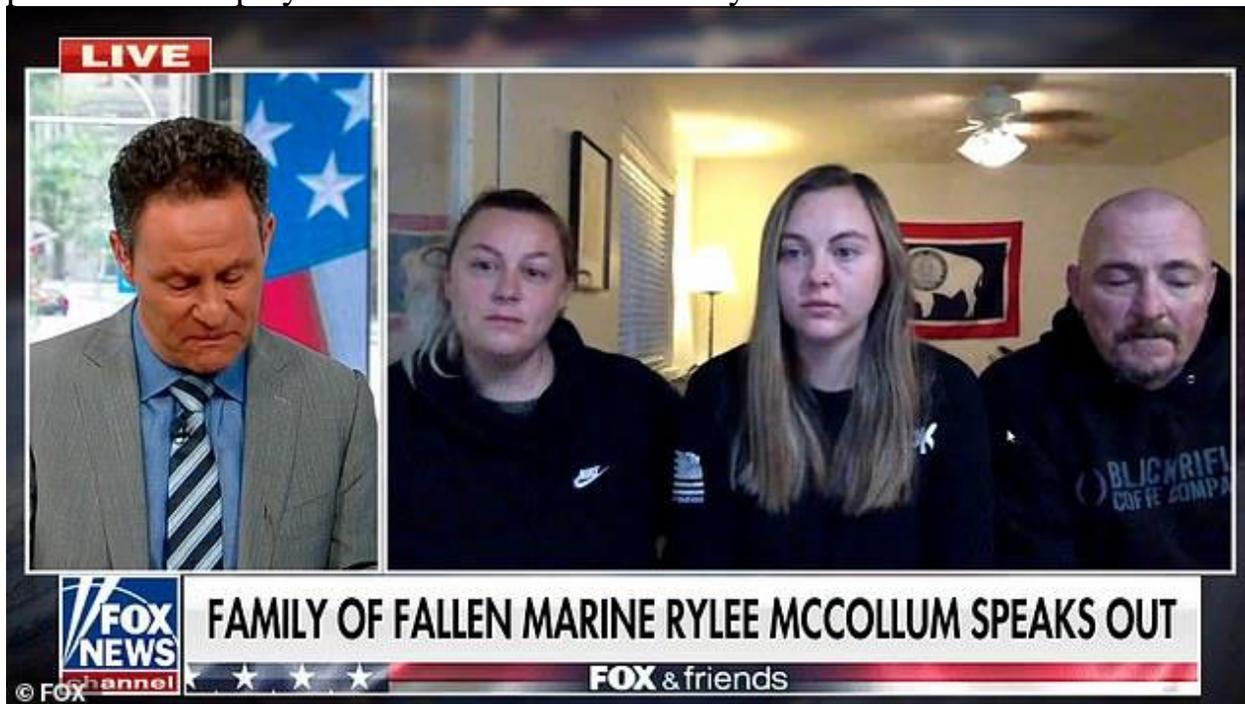
Marine Lance Corporal Rylee McCollum's family was also at Dover Air Force Base on Sunday as his remains returned to the U.S. – and they were given a chance to meet with the president.

Only McCollum's widow, Jiannah, accepted the meeting.

The family told the Post that Jiannah was left disappointed by her talk with Biden.



Families of the fallen U.S. service members were left disappointed by Joe Biden at the dignified transfer on Sunday. One sister of a fallen Marine yelled at the president: 'I hope you burn in hell! That was my brother!'



Rylee McCollum's family (L-R: sister Cheyenne, sister Roice and father Jim) said they felt Biden was 'fake' in his sympathy on Sunday. Roice and Jim refused to meet with he president at Dover



Fallen Marine Lance Corporal Rylee McCollum's widow Jiannah (right) thought her talk with Biden felt scripted. The two married six months ago and Jiannah is due to give birth to their child next month" /&gt; Fallen Marine Lance Corporal Rylee McCollum's widow Jiannah (right) thought her talk with Biden felt scripted. The two married six months ago and Jiannah is due to give birth to their child next month



McCollum's sister Roice said she didn't want to meet with Biden because 'you cannot kneel on our flag and pretend you care about our troops. You can't f\*\*k up as bad as he did and say you're sorry. This did not need to happen, and every life is on his hands'

One of McCollum's sisters, Roice, said her brother's widow thought Biden sounded scripted in their few-minute conversation.

Roice said that during the meeting with Jiannah, Biden showed a 'total disregard to the loss of our Marine — our brother, son, husband and father.'

'He cannot possibly understand,' Roice said. 'My dad and I did not want to speak to him.'

'You cannot kneel on our flag and pretend you care about our troops,' she said. 'You can't f\*\*k up as bad as he did and say you're sorry. This did not need to happen, and every life is on his hands. The thousands of Afghans who will suffer and be tortured is a direct result of his incompetence.'

During an interview with Fox News on Tuesday morning, Rylee's other sister Cheyenne detailed that she stayed with Jiannah at the start of her conversation with Biden, but walked away when she felt he was being 'fake.'

'Roice and my dad chose to leave the room. I chose to stay with my brother's wife,' Cheyenne said. 'She wanted the chance to look him in the eye and see if it was going to be a sincere conversation or apology.'

'I was able to stand about 15 seconds of his fake, scripted apology and I had to walk away,' she continued.

She detailed that Biden 'would not look us in the eye' and felt 'there was not an ounce of sympathy' coming from him.

'He tapped her on the knee and said, 'I know what you're going through, I lost my son,' Cheyenne detailed, tapping her sister on the shoulder.

Jim McCollum, Rylee's father, told Fox & Friends: 'It was more about his son. My son wasn't mentioned.'

'It was his son and about him and nothing to do with the 13,' he said.

Jiannah married Rylee just six months ago and is due to give birth to his child next month.