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## Wade pays tribute to fallen sailor

New Astros general manager Ed Wade finished the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington D.C. today, running for Team Travis to pay tribute to 1st Lt. Travis Manion, who was killed in a sniper attack in Iraq in April.

Wade met Manion at a Philadelphia Flyers game, drawing a quick bond with the 2004 Naval Academy graduate and his family. Wade's son, Ensign Ryan Wade, is a 2006 graduate of the Naval Academy deployed on a ship off Jacksonville.

Wade finished the marathon in an unofficial 4 hours, 49 minutes and 27 seconds, according to the time his wife kept. That time is very respectable, but it pales in comparison to the wonderful gesture Wade and 120 members of Team Travis made by paying tribute to 1st Lieutenant Manion at the Marines Corps Marathon.

"I was happy to take part to pay tribute," Wade said via phone after returning to his home.

There are a few things I'm truly passionate about, and supporting our men and women in uniform is one of them. God bless or troops, and I tip my cap to Wade for running this marathon and for all the folks who have loved ones fighting for their country.

As Astros owner Drayton McLane said here at Coors Field before Craig Biggio received the Roberto Clemente Award before Game 3 of the World Series on Saturday night, Wade's making big news for the Astros by running in the Marine Corps Marathon.

Posted by Jose de Jesus Ortiz at October 28, 2007 07:16 PM

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May God Bless 1LT Manion and his sacrifice. Thank you, Sir, for giving your life for our nation.

Mr. Wade - Ya' did a good thing.

Posted by: Margaret at October 29, 2007 09:37 AM

Wow, good job Ed. I guess you didn't run over Timmy Phatpura in that race, did you?

Posted by: Christian at October 29, 2007 01:55 PM

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