

To the Students and Parents at Marriotts Ridge,

The Marriotts Ridge Community Service Club is sponsoring a Military Drive in memory of Ross McGinnis, a cousin of MRHS senior Alison Romano.

This is a unique and exciting opportunity to let the Marriotts Ridge community connect with U.S. troops serving abroad.

---Think of ways to pass the time, to deal with extreme weather conditions-heat, cold, dry and dusty, to remind them of our support, to make them smile and laugh...

<i>Movies/ DVD's</i>	<i>music CD's</i>	<i>Sports games [recorded onto DVD or tape]</i>
<i>Deodorant</i>	<i>hand & face wipes</i>	<i>hand warmers</i>
<i>AA & D batteries</i>	<i>disposable cameras</i>	<i>hand-held electronic games</i>
<i>paperback books</i>	<i>puzzles, Sudoku, etc.</i>	<i>candy and small toys for Iraqi children</i>
<i>news magazines</i>	<i>socks and underwear</i>	<i>festive holiday treats-decorations</i>
<i>stationery</i>	<i>pencils-pens</i>	<i>lotion</i>
<i>air fresheners</i>	<i>toiletries</i>	<i>tooth brush / toothpaste</i>
<i>toilet paper</i>	<i>chewing gum</i>	<i>duct tape</i>
<i>hacky-sacks</i>	<i>foot massagers</i>	<i>icy/hot patches</i>

suggestions for food: *beef jerky, wrapped candy (anything that won't melt in the shipping process), granola bars, powdered Gatorade, sweetened drink envelopes (crystal lite water flavoring, etc), hot cocoa packages, crackers, cookies, tuna pouches, nuts, m&ms, altoids/mints*

*Also, feel free to write a note of encouragement to soldiers, or to make a card. Please put these in an **unsealed** envelope! We will send these letters out with the rest of the collected items.*

Collection starts October 16 and will end on November 2. Item collection boxes will be located in all English classes as well as the Front Office.

For a student-produced video about Ross's story, see the school's website (marriottsrIDGE.net).

Thank you for your support! We hope this drive will be a tremendous success!

Thanks,
The Community Service Club

