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Dear Residents and Families,

I have the honor and pleasure of writing you with an invitation to special events in the coming weeks!

Halloween Trick-or-Treating - On **Tuesday, October 31st**, you are invited to come with your children or grandchildren for a spooky sweet time with our veterans. Children can fill their bucket for indoor trick or treating, rain or shine. Open to our family, friends and neighbors!

If you're also in the mood to treat others...

Due to the anticipated demand, we welcome donations of sealed, prepackaged candy to add to our purchases. Donations are welcome at our main entrance until Monday (October 30th), when we will then head out to shop for sweets.

Art Show - The New Hampshire Veterans Home is excited to feature our veteran artists at this year's Art Show on **Friday, November 3rd**. Join us from 10 a.m. to Noon – or – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to visit with our veterans, enjoy their talents, and listen to live music performances by employees and veterans. You will also be able to view art from the talented artists from The Galleries at 30 Main, Meredith. This event is open to the public with free admission.

Veterans Day Ceremony - Our annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on **Friday, November 10th** at 11 a.m. in the NH Veterans Home 'Town Hall'. Elected officials have been invited to join us to also honor our veterans. By holding our ceremony on Friday, it opens the actual Veterans Day holiday on Saturday for our residents to attend other community events to honor our nation's heroes.

Thanksgiving Meals - The wonderful holiday for giving thanks will soon be here. Our veterans and family members have a number of options to enjoy on the special day, including bringing in a special meal, going out for dinner, or enjoying Thanksgiving here with up to three guests. Should you wish to enjoy your holiday meal here on **Thursday, November 23rd**, please complete the enclosed card and return it to a member of our Social Work Team by **Friday, November 17th**:

Tarr North & Welch: Cara Sedgley, 603-527-4422 or cara.b.sedgley@nhvh.nh.gov

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Please note that all the above events are dependent upon our ability to gather in groups. Should illness preclude us from going forward with these plans, we will send a follow up letter.

Mitigating Illness – As a follow up to the letter sent to you by Infection Prevention and Control on September 14th, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated the links to vaccine information statements for the COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). These new links are:

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- COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/COVID-19.pdf>, and
- RSV: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/rsv.pdf>

If you are unable to access these links or would like a physical copy, our Infection Prevention & Control program would be happy to help you. They can be reached at 603-527-4800.

As we celebrate all this beautiful season has to offer, we look forward to seeing you around the Home.

Sincerely,

Kimberly MacKay
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Enclosure



Thanksgiving Meal Reply Card

We take great pride in providing delicious holiday meals to our residents and their families. This has made them very popular! Should you wish to join us for dinner, please help us plan ahead by returning this card to your veteran's NH Veterans Home social worker by *Friday, November 17th*.

Thanksgiving (Noon) Dinner: Thursday, November 23, 2023

Number in Party: _____ maximum of 4 (veteran + 3 guests)

Resident's Name: _____

Person Submitting Request: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date: _____