**History of The John H. Hargreaves Memorial Post 10722**

Below is a timeline of all the important and major events since the Post began in 1983.

**Aug. 21, 2015** -   National VFW amends the charter to change the "Ladies Auxiliary" to "The Auxiliary" as to now allow men to join the Auxiliary. This allows the spouse of our sister comrades to join. The first male member joins the Pelham Auxiliary.

**Jul. 18, 2015** -     Post and its Auxiliary receive the 2015 National Community Service Award

**Jun. 30, 2015** -    Post membership ends 2014-2015 with 113, the largest the Post has ever achieved.

**Jun. 19, 2015** -    Post has earned All-State Honors for 2014-2015 Membership Year

**Jul. 19, 2014** -     Post and its Auxiliary receive the 2014 National Community Service Award

**Jun. 20, 2014** -    Past Post Commander Mark McCabe is elected as the 2014-2015 Department of NH VFW State Commander.

**Jul. 18, 2013** -     The Post earns All State Honors and wins the Prestigious Nation "All American Post" award at the National Convention for the 2012-2013 Membership Year.

**Jul. 1, 2013** -       Post and its Auxiliary receive the 2013 National Community Service Award

**Jun. 30, 2013** -    The Post membership exceeds 100 members for the first time.

**Jul. 18, 2012** -     Post and its Auxiliary receive the 2012 National Community Service Award

**Jul. 19, 2011** -     Post and its Auxiliary receive the 2011 National Community Service Award

**Jun. 15, 2011** -    Post and its Auxiliary sweep the State with Program Awards

**Oct. 3, 2010** -      The Ladies Auxiliary instituted by National President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Cortina Barnes!!!

**Jan. 7, 2010** -      Talk resumes about forming a Ladies Auxiliary.

**Jun. 21, 2009** -    First annual Graduates Dinner held for High School Seniors enlisting in the Military

**Jul. 1, 2006** -        Post receives the National Community Service Award

**Feb. 8, 2005** -      The remains of MIA Sheldon Barnett are found.

**Jan. 5, 2005** -       Deed to the old Town Hall presented to the VFW.

**Mar. 20, 2004** -   John H. Hargreaves passes.

**Mar. 4, 2004** -     Residents of the Town of Pelham vote to give the old Town Hall to the VFW Post 10722.

**Sept. 6, 2003** -    VFW petitions to put a warrant article on the ballot to ask the Town of Pelham residents for the deed to the old Town Hall

**Sept. 6, 2003** -    Vote passed by the VFW members to change the name of the Post to John H. Hargreaves Memorial Post 10722 in honor of John H. Hargreaves's dedication to the Post.

**Aug. 15, 2001** -   Talk begins about forming a Ladies Auxiliary. There was not enough interest at this time.

**1996-2001** -         VFW Post continues to participate in the Pelham Community Events and membership continues to increase.

**April 13, 1995** -   Post membership grows to 84 members!

**Jun. 27, 1994** -    Post membership grows to 70 members!

**Mar. 9, 1994** -      John Boissonneault recognized for renovating the granite curb stone around the monument at Veterans Memorial Park.

**Sept. 13, 1993** - 10th Anniversary of the VFW Memorial Post 10722!!!

**Mar. 14, 1992** -   Post membership grows to 57 members!

**Mar. 30, 1991** -   Town of Pelham, NH along with the VFW holds ceremony to honor those returning from Desert Storm.

**Jan. 20, 1991** -     The Post membership grows to 48 members!

**Feb. 17, 1990** -    Town of Pelham, NH increases Veterans exemption to $100.00 and service connected total disability exemption to $1,400.00.

**Mar. 15, 1989** -   At National the Department of Veterans Affairs established as a Cabinet Level.

**Sept. 13, 1988** - The Post celebrates the 5th Anniversary of the VFW Memorial Post 10722.

**May 30, 1986** -    Post meetings now held American Legion Hall.

**May 26,** **1985**-    Pelham Veterans Memorial Park dedicated.  Monument built by John and Donna Boissonneault. Gate City Monuments, Inc. in Nashua, NH donated the face stone. (Thank You!!!)

**May 18, 1985** -    First Buddy Poppy Drive held.

**Dec. 23, 1984** -    The first Voice of Democracy Scholarship Winner announced!!! Became 2nd Place State Winner!!!

**Dec. 15, 1984** -    Post participates for the first time in the Good Neighbor Fund Food Drive!!!

**Dec. 7, 1984** -      Post holds first annual Pearl Harbor Day remembrance.

**Nov. 12, 1984** -   Veterans Day services held at Pelham Veterans Memorial Park & the new Veterans Circle at Gibson Cemetery.

**Sept. 5, 1984** -    First participation in Pelham's annual Old Home Day!!!

**May 28, 1984** -   New Memorial Stone at Gibson Cemetery dedicated.

**May 26, 1984** -   Pelham Veterans Memorial Park sign erected.  Sign donated by local Veterans organizations.

**April 10, 1984** - Charter presented to Pelham Memorial 10722.

**Mar. 16, 1984** -   The Town of Pelham, NH approves the renaming of Camp Alexander on Mammoth Road to Pelham Veterans Memorial Park.

**Sept. 13, 1983** - The Post is instituted as Pelham Memorial Post 10722. The meetings were first held at the fire station and the first commander was John A. DiCesare