Project Partner: Chaquamegon-Nicolet National Forest

History: Located on the shores of Lake Namekagon, HistoriCorps returned for a fourth year at Forest Lodge. This century-old estate was established as a logging camp in 1884, and was purchased in 1902 by Crawford Livingston, a wealthy businessman from St. Paul. The 870-acre estate includes a complex of 15 Rustic-style buildings designed to blend into the landscape, which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1999, Mary Griggs Burke, one of Livingston’s heirs, donated the property to the U.S. Forest Service with the goal of respecting and interpreting the property’s ecological richness and preserving its architectural character. This early 20th century complex is an important historic landmark to the community and state of Wisconsin.

In 2013 and 2014 the HistoriCorps Veterans Crew repaired the Cow Palace at Forest Lodge and in 2012 HistoriCorps restored the log pumphouse.

2015 Scope of Work: For the 2015 season, veterans and volunteers learned new skills in conducting a variety of repairs on the Forest Lodge Greenhouse, helping to restore and maintain the estate’s legacy for future generations. These repairs included:

- Restoring deteriorated windows and doors
- Replacing rotted cedar shake siding
- Replacing cedar shake roof
- Restoring potting beds for future use
- Cleaning and repainting greenhouse interior

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