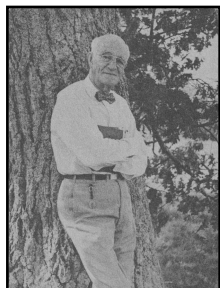


# Washington Historical Society

## 2025 Newsletter

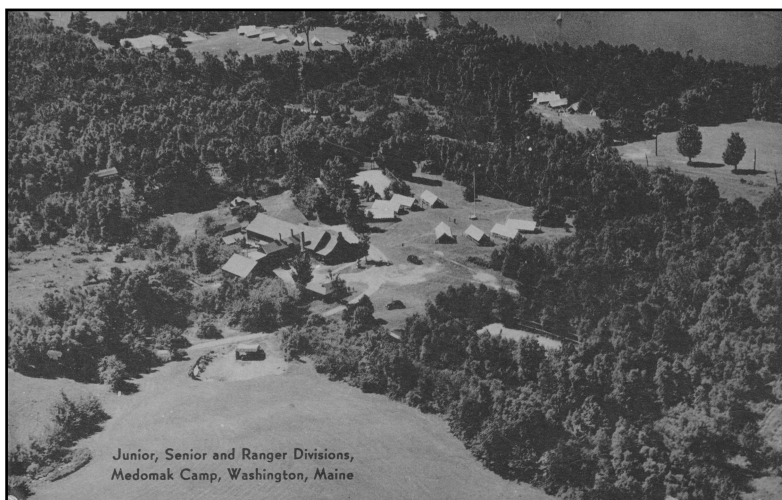
### Heritage Day Program Features Medomak Camp



In 1904, Frank Poland fulfilled a childhood dream, of having a camp on the farm where he grew up, with the founding of Medomak Camp. Over the years, boys have attended camp from all over the world, the first arriving by boat, train and finally buckboard. In 1962, Dick Larson added a girls camp located at the first Cub Camp site, later Medokawonda Girls Camp and now the Family Camp location. Larson sold in the 1970s to the Church of the Nazarene and it became Wakonda. In the 1980s the camp was sold again to George and Holly Stone. Holly was a former camper. The Stones have made many improvements over the years and are passing the camp on to their next generation to manage.

Medomak Camp now offers weekly family camping experiences at the former Medokawonda location. The Retreat Center, located on the former Senior Camp complex, offers a variety of retreats. One notably is the Conductor's Retreat run by Ken Keisler, a former camper and now a world renowned maestro. His students come from all over the U.S. and beyond. A concert is offered to the community at the end of the retreat session each summer.

For more of the history of Medomak Camp, come to the Washington Historical Society's, HERITAGE DAY event on August 23, 9-1. The Medomak program will start at 10 with the Stone family sharing the camp's history.



### HELP! Washington Veterans' Information Wanted

The WHS is attempting to collect pictures and a brief summary of each Washington veteran's service to our country. The 2026 calendar features pictures of some of the veterans that we have in our collection to date. We have notebooks dedicated to the WWI and the Civil War service men with Washington connections. We are beginning to compile a WWII book and want to document all service men and women with pictures and bios of their enlistment who have served at any time.

If you have pictures of your family members or friends who served, please let us know. We will scan and return them to you. We are usually at our office in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday mornings 9-12 when you may drop in or contact us through our email at [washingtonhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:washingtonhistorical@gmail.com) to set up a time to connect. Pictures may also be given to WHS members to be scanned and returned.



### Dave Martucci to Speak at Open House

Join us for our Fall Open House and Program on September 16. Our speaker will be David Martucci, Washington resident and noted vexillologist (flag expert). David will speak about the original 1901 Maine state flag. At 6 pm Razorville Hall and the Old Town House will be open to view our new and updated displays. David's talk will start at 7 pm. Come and hear about David's decades long research into the 1901 Maine flag.

### A New Prescott/ WHS Program

Last March, we packed one of our large trunks with various items in our collection and took it to Prescott Memorial. We met with grades 4, 5, & 6 and students chose items from the trunk to identify or "try to identify" and learn about. It was a fun and interesting event for both the Prescott students and staff. We also had fun! Items varied from a bootjack, chamber pot, candle mold, early toaster, blueberry rake, crank telephone, school books, popcorn popper, square nails, etc. A few items were identified by the students and some made many guesses about what an item might be or how it might have been used. We plan to return with the trunk next year and share with the fourth graders.

We hope to arrange for the fifth graders to visit Hodge School located on the Union Fair grounds. It was one of the last one room school houses in Washington and moved from the Sidelinger property to the fairgrounds.

The sixth graders are invited each year to help place flags on the veterans' graves at Maple Grove Cemetery. They also visit our buildings in Razorville to learn about our collection and experience hands on activities.

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LOOKING BACK AT MEDOMAK CAMP

The Medomak program will start at 10 with the Stone family sharing the camp's history.

PIE CONTEST:

- Drop off is at 9am with judging at 9:30.
- The winner will receive a gift card to Hannaford.
- Pie slices will be available for purchase!

Aug. 23

Open House 9am - 1pm

263 Razorville Road, Washington, ME

Annual WHS Heritage Day!

This year's special programming is a presentation about the history of Medomak Camp. Holly & George Stone have prepared a presentation to share about the founding of the camp up through the newly run family camp and retreat center. Come join us at 10am in The Old Town House.

Bakers Needed

Bakers needed for our PIE BAKING CONTEST. Pies need to be dropped off between 9 and 9:30 at the Town House. Judging for the "Best Pie" will take place at 9:30. The winner will receive a gift card from Hannaford. Slices will be for sale after the History of Washington Presentation.

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Our fund raising calendar is now available for \$10 at Gibbs Library, Washington General, Linscott's, Blueberry Fields, and at our events. The theme is "Threads of Time: Washington Woven into the American Story." It's a nod to America's 250 year sestercentennial celebration.