

Camp Upton Historical Marker Dedication



On a chilly 2018 December morning, a new sign commemorating Camp Upton was dedicated on Longwood Road. The funds for the sign were provided by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. The sign joins other signs which mark historic sites across New York State. Suzanne Johnson (Society Historian) and Gail Lynch-Bailey (President of the Middle-Island Civic) applied for the grant last summer and the new sign was installed exactly 101 years after the official opening of the Camp. Camp Upton was built to train 40,000 draftees and from 1917 through World War I and World War II, nearly 600,000 soldiers passed through Camp Upton. At the dedication and installation, State Senator Ken LaValle spoke briefly, as did

Brookhaven Town Councilmember, Michael Loguercio. Community members and school district personnel paid tribute to this important site where Sgt. Irving Berlin penned “Yip Yip Yaphank”