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**A Man Had Better Come Back Dead Than Without Honor:  
The 136<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteer Infantry (NYVI) Regiment in the American Civil War  
Portage Camp, New York to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

“What prouder title can one have, to hand down to his children and to those who come after him, than that he was a soldier in the gigantic War of the Rebellion; of who it is recorded that, when secession lifted its hydra head, and rebellion threatened the integrity of the government and the perpetuity of the Union, he sprang to arms and voluntarily enrolled himself in the Army raised for its defense and boldly marched to the front to encounter danger and death?”<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> James Wood Jr. (Brevet Brigadier General), address at the dedication of the 136<sup>th</sup> NYVI Memorial, October 16, 1888, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in *The Final Report on Gettysburg of the New York Monuments Commission on the Battlefields of Gettysburg and Chattanooga* (Albany, NY: J.B. Lyon, 1900), Vol. 2, 921-934.