

## What's in a name?

Now that Posts 1330 and 1151 are merged it might help to know a little bit about our Post name. To preserve the memories of the veterans for which our Posts were named, we (the majority combined membership) agreed to merge the post names as well: Ely-Fagan-Stevens-Connor Post. So, here's a 'snapshot' of our appellation. Post 1151 was named after SGT Frank H. Ely and 2LT Arthur V. Fagan who served during WWI. Sgt Ely was a native of Rush while LT Fagan was from West Henrietta. SGT Ely entered the service in May 1917 at the age of 19 years, Discharged Feb. 1919. Records indicate that he served in the 80th Inf Div. LT Fagan joined the Army Feb. 1918 at the age of 23 as a private, was commissioned and later discharged Nov. 1918. LT Fagan was assigned to the 155th Depot Brigade at Camp Lee VA. He died less than a year later on Sep. 23, 1919. Post 1330 was named for 2LT John H. Stevens and PFC John (Jack) F. Connor who served during WWII. Both were Rush residents upon entering the service. 2LT Stevens, a member of the U. S. Army Air Force, was K.I.A. (killed in action) on 4 JUL 1944 when he was shot down while flying a mission over France. PFC Connor, an Army Infantryman, was K.I.A. on 27 JAN 1945 in Luxemburg during the Battle of the Bulge. While some of the details may be disputable (conflicting reports/articles) there is little dispute that our Post is named after four worthy American patriots. We memorialize these veterans by name but we, the American Legion Family, as a whole, memorializes all of our deceased veterans through community service and devotion to duty.

– *Joe Hennekey*