

POW – MIA TABLE



You may notice this small table here in a place of honor. It is set for one. Those who have served and those currently serving the uniformed services of the United States are ever mindful that the price of enduring peace and freedom comes at the highest prices of personal sacrifice.

This table symbolizes our fallen and missing comrades. They are commonly called P.O.W.'s or M.I.A.'s, we call them brothers. They are unable to be with us this evening and so we remember them.

This table set for one is small... it symbolizes the frailty of one prisoner against his oppressors.

The table cloth is white... it symbolizes the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

The single red rose signifies the blood many have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of the United States of America.

The yellow ribbon represents all those who demand a proper accounting of our missing comrades.

A slice of lemon is on the bread plate... to remind us of their bitter fate.

There is salt upon the bread plate... symbolic of the family's tears as they wait.

The glass is inverted... they cannot toast with us tonight.

The chair is empty... they are not here.

The candle is the light of hope that lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation.

Remember... all of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended on their might and aid, and relied on them... for surely... they have not forsaken you.

You are not forgotten as long as there is one left in whom your memory remains!