The POW/MIA Table

We call your attention to this **small table**, which occupies a place of dignity and honor. It is **set for one**, symbolizing the fact that members of our armed forces are missing from our ranks. They are referred to as POWs and MIAs.

We call them comrades. They are unable to be with their loved ones and families, so we join to pay humble tribute to them, and to bear witness to their continued absence.

The **table** is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her suppressors.

The **tablecloth** is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

The **single rose** in the vase signifies the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep faith while awaiting their return.

The **red ribbon** on the vase represents an unyielding determination for a proper accounting of our comrades who are not among us.

A **slice of lemon** on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate.

The **salt** sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of families as they wait.

The **glass** is inverted. They cannot toast with us at this time.

The **chair** is empty. They are NOT here.

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

The **American flag** reminds us that many of them may never return — and have paid the supreme sacrifice to insure our freedom.



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