

# POW/MIA TABLE

## *A Place Setting for One, A Table for All*



### **THE POW/MIA TABLE**

Smaller than the others, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his or her oppressors.

The table itself is round to show that our concern for them is never ending.

### **THE WHITE TABLECLOTH**

Draped over the table represents the purity of their response to our country's call to arms.

### **THE EMPTY CHAIR**

Depicts an unknown face, representing no specific Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, or Guardian, but all who are not here with us.

### **THE BLACK NAPKIN**

Stands for the emptiness these warriors have left in the hearts of their families and friends.

*(A Purple Heart Medal can be pinned to the napkin.)*

### **THE SINGLE RED ROSE**

Reminds us of their families and loved ones. The red ribbon represents the love of our country, which inspired them to answer the nation's call.

### **THE YELLOW CANDLE AND ITS YELLOW RIBBON**

Symbolizes the everlasting hope for a joyous reunion with those yet accounted for.

### **THE SLICES OF LEMON**

On the bread plate remind us of their bitter fate.

### **THE SALT**

Upon the bread plate represent the tears of their families.

### **THE WINE GLASS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN**

Reminds us that our distinguished comrades cannot be with us to drink a toast or join in the festivities of the evening.

### **THE BIBLE (Optional)**

Represents faith in a higher power and the pledge to our country, founded as one nation under God.

*Attention can be called to the POW/MIA table at some point during the event  
National POW/MIA Day is observed the third Friday in September*

