

POW-MIA MISSING MAN TABLE



You may notice this small table here, in a place of honor. This table is our way of symbolizing that members of our Armed Forces are missing from our ranks. They are commonly called P.O.W.'s or M.I.A.'s, the VFW calls them comrades, and we call them heroes.

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

The tablecloth is white... it symbolizes the purity of their intentions to respond to their Country's call to arms.

The single red rose displayed in a vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades in arms who keep faith awaiting their return.

The yellow ribbon tied on the vase is reminiscent of the yellow ribbon tied around trees and worn on the lapel of thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting for our missing.

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

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

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

The glass is inverted... they cannot drink with us today.

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

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