

This is a single table set appropriately for a meal but is never used. This special scene honors those who cannot join us, prisoners of war or those missing in action. Please reflect when you pass this table knowing that our POW-MIA would give anything to join their family and friends for a meal.

The tradition of setting a separate table in honor of our prisoners of war and missing comrades has been in place since the end of the Vietnam War. The manner in which this table is decorated is full of special symbols to help us remember our brothers and sisters in arms.

**The table is set for one** – symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner.

**The table is round** – showing our everlasting concern for our POW/MIA's.

**The cloth is white** – symbolizing the purity of our men and women's motives when answering the call to duty.

**The single red rose** – reminding us of the lives of these men and women – their loved ones and friends who keep the faith, while seeking answers.

**The red ribbon** – symbolizes our continued determination to account for them.

**A slice of lemon** – reminds us of the bitter fate of those missing, captured and held as prisoners in foreign lands.

**A salt shaker** – symbolizes the tears of our missing and their families who long for answers after decades of uncertainty.

**The Holy Bible** – represents the strength gained through faith in our country, founded as one nation under God, to sustain those lost from our midst.

**The candle** – is reminiscent of the light of hope, which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home.

**The glass is inverted** – to symbolize their inability to share this evening's toast.

**The chair is empty** – they are missing – (silent moment) – and please remember their service and sacrifice.

Let us honor America's POW/MIA's and encourage our government to continue to undertake successful efforts to account for them.

*The Titonka American Legion Auxiliary and the Titonka VFW are furnishing this display.*