

POW / MIA RECOGNITION DAY

The table is round; symbolizing our everlasting concern. ... **REMEMBER**

The table is small – set for one; symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his or her oppressors.... **REMEMBER**

The tablecloth is white - symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to our Country's call to arms..... **REMEMBER**

The candle's flame symbolizes eternal life for their unselfish courage and valor demonstrated in the fight for freedom and democracy. **REMEMBER**

The single rose, displayed in a vase, reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades who keep faith awaiting their return, or mourn their loss. ... **REMEMBER**

The ribbon, tied onto the vase, is reminiscent of the ribbon worn by thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting for our missing. ... **REMEMBER**

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

There is salt upon the bread plate, symbolic of the families' tears. ... **REMEMBER**

The Bible represents the strength gained through faith, to sustain us and those lost from our Country, founded as one Nation under God. ... **REMEMBER**

The glass is inverted - they cannot toast with us today.

The chair is empty - they are not here.

Remember... Remember...

Remember...

We will never forget.

