



### **The POW/MIA Table**

*The table before you is a place of honor. It is set for one. This table is our way of symbolizing the fact that members of our profession of arms are missing from our midst. They are commonly called POWs or MIAs, we call them "Brothers." They are unable to be with us this evening and so we remember them.*

*This table set for one is small — Symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his or her oppressors. The white tablecloth draped over 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 or Marine but all who are not here with us.*

*The round table shows that our concern for them is never ending.*

*The Bible represents faith in a higher power and the pledge to our country, founded as one nation under God.*

*The single red rose reminds us of their families and loved one. The red ribbon represents the love of our country, which inspired them to answer our nation's call.*

*The candle and its ribbon symbolizes the everlasting hope for a joyous reunion with those yet accounted for. A Slice of Lemon is on the bread plate to remind us of their bitter fate.*

*There is Salt upon the bread plate represents the tears of their families.*

*The inverted wine glass reminds us that our distinguished comrades cannot be with us to drink a toast or join in the festivities*

*The Chair — The chair is empty. They are not here.*

*All of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended upon their might and aid, and relied upon them, for surely, they have not forsaken you.*

*Remember! — Until the day they come home, Remember!*

*Please keep our table of honor clean and free from trash and other items that do not pertain to the memory and honor of the comrades who fought so hard for our country!*

