



- The tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.
- The single rose in the vase signifies the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of our missing comrades' families and friends who keep the faith while awaiting their return.
- The red ribbon on the vase represents the red ribbons worn on the lapels of thousands who demand with unyielding determination a proper accounting of our comrades who are not among us today.
- A slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate.
- The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of families as they wait.
- The glass is inverted; they cannot toast with us at this time.
- The chair is empty; they are not here.
- The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope, which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors to the open arms of a grateful nation.
- The American flag reminds us that many of them may never return and have paid the supreme sacrifice to ensure our freedom.