This table is reserved to honor our missing comrades. The table setting represents our service members and civilians missing from all the armed forces. This table honors them by symbolizing that they are here with us in spirit. No American should ever forget our brave men and women who answered our nations call and served in the cause of freedom.

This table setting is small, represents the frailty of a life itself compared to the awesome responsibilities our country asks of its service members.

The cloth is black to illustrate the uncertainty of our comrade’s fate; the white place setting symbolizes the purity of their motives when answering the call to duty.

The single red rose displayed in a vase makes us reflect on the lives of each of the killed and missing service members, and their families, loved ones and friends who keep the faith while still awaiting answers. The vase is tied with a red ribbon, a symbol of our continued determination to account for our missing.

A slice of lemon on the bread plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those killed, captured or missing in a foreign land. A pinch of salt symbolizes the families’ tears as they still feel the pain of their lost loved one.

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

The glass is inverted, to symbolize their inability to share this evening’s toast. The candle represents the loved ones who still light the way home. The dog tags represent all their names, never forgotten.
The chair remains empty.