

The Missing Officer Table

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Set for one, the empty place represents Correctional Staff who have given their lives in the line of duty defending society while supervising incarcerated felons. The Missing Officer Table symbolizes that they are with us in spirit.



All of us should never forget all the brave men and women who on a daily basis work in the most unnoticed and least appreciated law enforcement profession in the world. While other law enforcement Officers are equipped with sophisticated weapons to handle situations, the Correctional Officer is expected to handle situations usually with only a PR-24 baton. The PR-24 baton has, in some cases, become a symbol for Corrections.

I would like to explain the meaning of the items on this special table.

The table is round - to show our everlasting concern for our missing loved ones.

The tablecloth is white - symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to duty.

The sword - symbolizes honor.

The single red rose - displayed in a vase, it reminds us of the life of each of the missing loved ones and friends of these Correctional Staff who keep the faith.

The vase - is tied with a yellow ribbon, symbol of our continued determination to remember and to "Take Care of Our Own."

A slice of lemon - reminds us of the bitter fate of those killed and or/crippled while protecting society.

A pinch of salt - symbolizes the tears endured by those missing and their families who seek answers.

