



**RESOLUTION 288, ADOPTED AT THE 67<sup>th</sup> AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION, CALLS FOR DESIGNATING A POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR AT ALL OFFICAL MEETINGS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AS A PHYSICAL SYMBOL OT THE THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN POW/MIA'S STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR FROM ALL WARS AND CONFLICTS INVOLVING THE UNITED STATES.**

**TABLE**

WE CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SMALL TABLE WHICH OCCUPIES A PLACE OF DIGNITY AND HONOR, SYMBOLIZING THE FRAILTY OF ONE PRIONER, ALONE AGAINST HIS OR HER SUPPRESSORS

**TABLECLOTH**

THE TABLECLOTH IS WHITE, SMYBOLIC OF THE PURITY OF THEIR INTENTIONS TO RESPOND TO THEIR COUNTRY'S CALL TO ARMS

**ROSE**

THE SINGLE RED ROSE SIGNIFIES THE BLOOD SHED IN SACRFICE TO INSURE THE FREEDOM OF OUR BELOVED UNITED STATES

**RIBBON**

THE YELLOW RIBBON REPRESENTS AN UNYIELDING DETERINATION FOR A PRPOER ACCOUNTING OF OUR COMRADES WHO ARE NOT AMONG US

**LEMON**

A SLICE OF LEMON ON THE PLATE REMINDS US OF THEIR BITTER FATE

**SALT**

THE SALT SPRINKLED ON THE PLATE REMINDS US OF THE COUNTLESS FALLEN TEARS OF FAMILIES AS THE WAIT

**BIBLE**

THE BIBLE SERVES TO REMIND US OF THE COMFORT OF FAITH OFFERED TO THOSE WHO FACE SEEMINGLY INSURMOUNTABLE CHALLENGES, AND IT ALSO REMINDS US OF OUR COUNTRY BEING FOUNDED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF ONE NATION UNDER GOD

**GLASS**

THE GLASS IS INVERTED, THEY CANNOT TOAST WITH US AT THIS TIME

**CHAIR**

THE CHAIR IS EMPTY. THEY ARE NOT HERE

**CANDLE**

THE CANDLE IS REMINISCENT OF THE LIGHT OF HOPE, WHICH LIVES IN OUR HEARTS TO ILLUMINATE THEIR WAY HOME

**FLAG**

THE AMERICAN FLAG REMINDS US THAT MANY OF THEM MAY NEVER RETURN, AND HAVE PAID THE SUPREME SACRIFICE TO INSURE OUR FREEDOM

**LET US REMEMBER AND NEVER FORGET THEIR SACRIFICE  
MAY GOD FOREVER WATCH OVER THEM AND PROTECT THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES**