

# AMERICA'S WHITE TABLE CEREMONY

*Honor America's Finest*

## TABLE SETUP

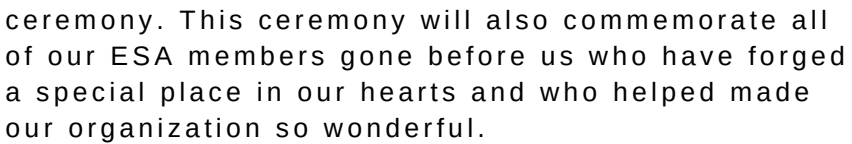
1. A small, round bistro table
2. White tablecloth
3. Single place setting (all white)
4. Empty chair
5. Black napkin
6. Bible
7. Folded American flag
8. ESA Angel w/ Flag
9. Small bud vase with a single stem red rose and small American Flag-- RED ribbon tied around the vase
10. Yellow Jonquil tied with blue ribbon
11. Candle – lit and tied with a yellow ribbon
12. Slice of lemon on bread plate with a pile of spilled salt
13. Salt shaker
14. Wine glass - inverted

## CEREMONY SPEECH

As you entered the room today, you may have noticed a small table at the front, raised to call your attention to its purpose -- it is reserved to honor our missing loved ones. This Honors Ceremony symbolizes that they are with us, here in spirit. All Americans should never forget the brave men and women who answered our nation's call and served the cause of freedom in a special way. If you have served in the one of the branches of the Armed Forces, please stand. If you have a loved one actively serving in the Armed Forces, please stand. Thank you—you may be seated. their might and aid, and relied upon them, for surely, they have not forsaken you. Please Remember!



## **CEREMONY SPEECH CONTINUES**



And, I think ALL of us have a veteran in your family that we can think of to honor during this short ceremony. This ceremony will also commemorate all of our ESA members gone before us who have forged a special place in our hearts and who helped made our organization so wonderful.

Please remain silent and remember our veterans and special ESA members while our PICPA Officers, IC Officers and Hope for Heroes Chairman place some special items on this: The table is round -- to show our everlasting concern for our missing and departed men and women. The tablecloth is white -- symbolizing the purity of a veteran's motives when answering the call to duty. It can also represent the purity in the hearts of our members in the diligent work they did in ESA. This Table set for one -- Symbolizing the frailty of one soldier, one prisoner alone against his oppressors, or one ESA member.

**Vickie Farris**, PICPA Chair -- The chair is empty and tilted to symbolize that they are not here.  
Please Remember!

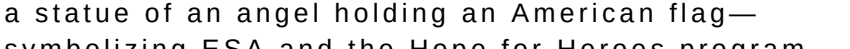
**Sherry Day**, PICPA Treasurer -- The black napkin represents the sorrow of death and the emptiness they have left in the hearts of their family and friends. Please Remember!

**Linda Schmidt**, IC Corresponding Secretary will place a small Bible at the table to represent our faith in our Eternal Father. Please Remember!


**Robin Bussey**, IC 1st Vice President, will place upon the plate our American Flag to symbolize all the wars and conflicts that our loved ones have fought to insure our freedoms. Please Remember!



## CEREMONY SPEECH CONTINUES



**Julene Donnay**, IC Hope for Heroes Chair, will place a statue of an angel holding an American flag—symbolizing ESA and the Hope for Heroes program. Please Remember!



**Terri Olson**, Jr Past President, will set a single Red Rose displayed in an ESA vase to remind us of the families and loved ones of our comrades-in-arms who keep the faith awaiting their return. The Red Ribbon tied so prominently on the vase signifies the blood that many have shed to ensure our freedom. The ESA vase symbolizes those members of our beloved organization. Please Remember!

**Brenda Meyers**, IC Treasurer, will place a yellow jonquil on to the American Flag to remind us that our ESA family is dedicated to providing hope to our heroes each and every day. The blue ribbon tied around the jonquil symbolizes our loyalty to our organization and its ideals. Please Remember!

**Mary Humphrey**, IC Recording Secretary, will place a lit candle accompanied with a yellow ribbon—The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope that lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors to the open arms of a grateful nation. The yellow ribbon on the candle represents the yellow ribbons worn on the labels of thousands symbolizing the everlasting hope for a joyous reunion. Please Remember!

**Celeste Webb**, IC Parliamentarian, please place a lemon slice upon the bread plate to remind us of the bitter fate suffered by those missing or killed in action and then sprinkle salt upon the bread plate -- Symbolic of the families tears as they wait. Please Remember!

## CEREMONY SPEECH CONTINUED

Jaycee Peak, IC Workshop Coordinator, will set the inverted Glass -- They cannot toast with us this day or join in our festivities. Please Remember!

All of you who served with them and called them ESA sisters or brothers, comrade, son, daughter, husband, or wife who depended upon their might and aid, and relied upon them, for surely, they have not forsaken you. Please Remember!

Let us now raise our water glasses in a toast to honor America's finest and to Remember the success of our efforts to account for them.

