

Heritage Corner with White Table



Documents included in the display:
The Bill of Rights
The Constitution
Declaration of Independence
The Monroe Doctrine
The Gettysburg Address
Elks Resolution on Law and Order
Elks Declaration of American Principles
Star Spangled Banner

The white table was started by the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association – the so-called River Rats of Vietnam – has, during the intervening years, spread to other branches of the military where remembrance tables, or so-called missing man tables, are set when units or commands gather for dinners or reunions.

Generally, the empty chair denotes the Veteran that will never return, the white tablecloth represents purity of heart, the black napkin the sorrow of captivity, the turned over water-glass the meal that will not be eaten, red rose the blood shed by our fallen heroes, and the white candle, peace. The lemon represents the missing soldier's bitter fate and the salt, the tears shed by the families of the missing.

“All gave some and Some gave all”
Then also came the Fighter Pilots song “Throw a Nickel on the Grass”