

Americanism

October 2023

"Americanism is an unflinching love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideas; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty and posterity."

How many are familiar and know the meaning of the Missing Man Ceremony? This ceremony saves a place for the missing man or woman.



- The single red rose in a vase is there as a reminder of the lives of each of the missing and their loved ones who keep the faith, still waiting for answers.
- The red ribbon tied around the vase shows our continued determination to account for the missing.
- A lemon slice at each bread plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those captured and missing in a foreign land.
- A pinch of salt recalls the tears endured by those missing and their families who seek answers.
- The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our country, which was founded as one nation under God.

Let us remember the ones that are not with us at this time and pray that they return safely to us. Never let us forget our comrades.

The Eisenhower Vigil will be on October 13th and 14th.

I would like to see as many people show up as possible this year. This is a heartfelt honor to participate in. Until you have experienced it, you cannot possibly know how humbling it is. Please join us this year.

The purpose of this is to honor Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th President of the United States. A 5-star General of the United States Army, raised in Abilene, Kansas, on the weekend nearest his birthday, October 14, 1890.

The following is the schedule of watch times:

Friday, October 13

4:30pm to 5:00pm State Commander/Department President

5:00pm to 7:00pm 5th District

7:00pm to 9:00pm 3rd District

9:00pm to 11:00pm 1st District

Saturday, October 14

11:00pm to 1:00am 2nd District

1:00am to 3:00am 7th District

3:00am to 5:00am 6th District

5:00am to 7:00am 4th District

Send me any ideas or special projects that you are doing for Americanism. I would love to hear about them.

Feel Free to contact me anytime. If I cannot answer your questions, I will find someone who can.

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