American Legion Auxiliary

A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families

Military Child's Table Setting Ceremony

C&Y chair: (or Youth #1)	"We will begin today with a ceremony to honor our military children." "Our United States military members answer the call to service every day as they defend freedom around the world. That service often comes at a great personal sacrifice, not only for the service member, but also for their family, their children. "When an Air Force officer was asked what he needed in Iraq, he said, 'Please don't send cookies, care packages, or socks. Just help take care of our children.' Our country has always supported its military in times of war through community efforts. We have a great capacity to care for the home front. Now is the time for a new Victory garden. In this garden, we can tend to the needs of the military child. "Today we would like to present to you the Military Child's Table Setting, inspired by the POW/MIA ceremony to honor the sacrifices and contributions of our military children. "The Potted Flowering Plant symbolizes that they may flower and flourish where planted.
Youth #2	*Enters carrying Potted Flowering Plant and sets on table*
C&Y chair: (or Youth #1)	"The Hand Spade recognizes that they may be transplanted to a new location any place in the world at a moment's notice, where they become fully immersed in the culture, make new friends and acclimate themselves to a new school.
Youth #3	*Enters carrying Hand Spade and sets on table*

C&Y chair: (or Youth #1)	"The Birthday Cake and Unlit Candles… "Baseball Glove and Ball… "and Ballet Slippers represent the fact that sometimes special occasions are missed by one or both parents while serving their country.
Youth #4, 5 & 6	*Enter carrying Birthday Cake and Unlit Candles…* *Baseball Glove and Ball…* *and Ballet Slippers and set on table*
C&Y chair: (or Youth #1)	"The Family Photo depicting a child or children with their uniformed parent represents the foundation of our country's strength…
Youth #7	*Enters carrying Family Photo and sets on table*
C&Y chair: (or Youth #1)	"families united in their commitment to national service and willing to make any sacrifice, both at home and abroad… "to ensure that our flag continues to fly free."
Youth #8	*Enters carrying US Flag and sets on table*
ALL	*Amen.*