

Symbols Used for Memorial

- **Shrouded Battle Flag**: Used to enter the cemetery to show respect to the dead. Normally shroud is removed after the ceremony.
- **POW/MIA Flag**: Symbolizes in memoriam the uncounted, unknown and missing Confederate soldiers who died.
- **Draped Sword tied in the colors blue, white & red**: Symbolizes our hope and prayer that we never have to raise the sword again against our brothers.
- **Battle Flag to the Widow**: Honors the fallen soldiers to the widow & family on behalf of the CSA.
- **Widows Single Red Rose**: Shows deep devotion & respect by the wife for her fallen soldier.
- **Single White Rose**: (When used) Represents the pure love of family for the veteran.
- **Evergreens**: Symbolizes the eternal fraternity and bonds of brotherhood of the descendents and other men for the Confederate dead.
- **Wreaths**: The round wreath symbolizes the eternal circle of love and remembrance of the giver to the one(s) who have died.
- **UDC Wreath**: Recognizes the 100th anniversary of the Alton monument.
- **White Cross**: Represents the pure Christian virtues and heritage of our Confederate soldiers. The red, white and blue ribbon colors on the ribbon on the cross represent the colors of the Confederate flag.
- **Spreading of the Soils**: Reunites the soldiers with their home of nativity from which they came but would never return.