Celebrating the 10 Year Reunion of the WORLD WAR II JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNMENT MESEUM McGehee, Arkansas

Welcome: Jeff Owyoung, Chairman

Mike Smith, President of McGehee

Industrial Foundation

Invocation: Duncan Williams,

Professor of Religion at

University of Southern California

National Anthem: Erin Aoyama,

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Kimiko Marr, Co-Founder, Japanese American Memorial Pilgrimages

Rosalyn Tonai, Executive Director, National Japanese American Historical Society

David Meltzer, PhD, & Publisher

Keynote Speaker:

George Takei, Actor & Former Internee

Closing



Thursday, May 4, 2023 1 o'clock 100 S. Railroad St, McGehee, Arkansas "[The train] rolled slowly alongside the barbed wire fence...beyond the fence, a distance away, we could see internees who had arrived earlier lined up and waving forlornly. Mama recognized a friend among the people out to greet us, and she managed a wan smile and a wave. Daddy just stared out the window in intense silence. With a final lurch, the train came to a stop. Our grueling three days and two nights were finally over."

George Takei, Rohwer inmate

"...according to my opinion, we made one of the greatest sacrifices in history as a group. I never did understand fully why we American citizens were placed in a camp like this."

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