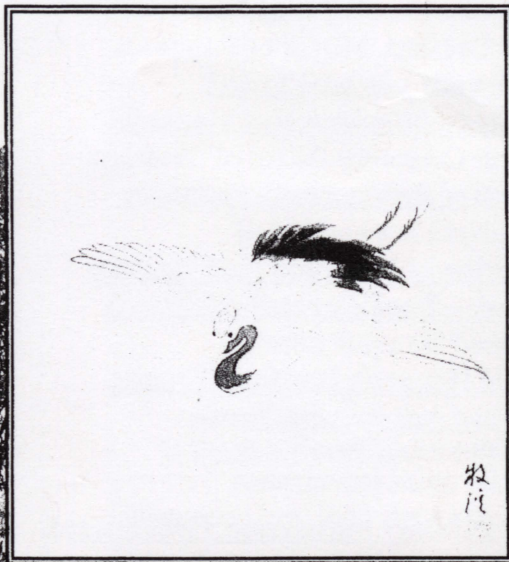


JAPANESE MEMORIAL  
RE-DEDICATION  
CEREMONY

LANCASTER CEMETERY  
MAY 17, 2008



**Japanese Memorial Re-dedication Ceremony  
Lancaster Cemetery District  
111 E. Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster, CA 93535  
May 17, 2008**

Welcome and opening remarks

Norman L. Hickling

Field Deputy to Spvsr. Fifth Dist., Michael D. Antonovich and  
Chairman, Lancaster Cemetery District Board of Trustees

Welcome

R. Rex Parris, Mayor of Lancaster  
James Ledford, Mayor of Palmdale

Unveiling of the Japanese Memorial  
Lancaster Cemetery Board of Trustees  
Friends of the Lancaster Cemetery

Introduction of Reverend Paul Imahara  
Tom Shiokari

Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple  
Los Angeles, California  
Reverend Paul Imahara

Los Angeles County Supervisor, Fifth District  
Michael D. Antonovich

Deputy Consul General of Japan, in Los Angeles  
Mr. Yoshimasa Tezuka

West Antelope Valley Historical Society  
David Earle  
President

Director of Marketing and Historical Research  
Lancaster Cemetery District  
Dayle DeBry

Del Sur School

Principal, Debbie Rutkowski-Hines  
Lancaster West Rotary—Dave Potter  
7th grade AVID history teacher, Geri Rather  
7th grade AVID students presentation

Dedication—Headstone for Tomiko Okimoto  
Joyce (Okimoto) Kameyama  
Bob Alvis, Dayle DeBry, Barbara Little  
Del Sur students

Son of Fred and Haru Kobayashi  
Tom Shiokari

Veterans Court of Honor Brick Dedication  
Bob Alvis and Dayle DeBry

Evergreen Baptist Church—San Gabriel Valley  
Pastor Raynold Nakamura

"America the Beautiful"  
Written by Katharine Lee Bates and Samuel A. Ward  
Jimmie and Miye Nishimoto  
Introduced by their daughter, Becky Roberts

Benediction  
Pastor Raynold Nakamura

Antelope Valley High School Welcome  
Trish Luckeroth Lockhart  
Principal

Closing Remarks  
Barbara Little  
Lancaster Cemetery District  
Manager

*“O flock of heavenly cranes,  
Cover my child with your wings”*  
~ Japanese prayer

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City of Lancaster - chairs



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