

WEST COAST REGION WEBSITE PAGE



West Coast Region – Geographic Boundaries

California, north of the east-west line drawn between Monterey, Kings, Tulare and Inyo Counties to the north; San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernadino Counties to the South; Nevada, north of a line running east-west from the Arizona border, Utah; Colorado; and Wyoming.

Units: 8 Vallejo, 59 Wyoming, 101 Santa Clara Valley, 137 Sierra/Tahoe, 197 Modesto, 261 Lemoore, 274 High Sierra, 275 Hangtown, 287 Livermore

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2023 Region Mid-Year Meeting

Dates: March 11, 2023

Location: Stanislaus Veterans Center
3500 Coffee Road Suite 15
Modesto CA 95355

Reservations:

Rates:

Cutoff Date: March 1, 2023

Sponsors: Branch and Unit 197 Modesto

Contact Person: Bob Huffman 510-507-6796
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2023 Regional Convention

Dates: August 13-19, 2023

Location: Red Lion Hotel & Conference Cntr

Reservations: 307-638-4466

Rates: \$94.00 + tax per night, includes
breakfast buffet.

Sponsors: Branch and Unit 59 Cheyenne

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**66th West Coast Regional Mid-Year Convention Newsletter #1
Modesto, CA March 11, 2023**

**Convention Chairman Branch 197 President, Bob Huffman Phone: (510) 507-6796
Convention Co-Chairman Unit 197 President, Marlene Huffman Phone: (510) 507-6796**

Branch and Unit 197 Modesto invites the shipmates and ladies of the West Coast Region, Fleet Reserve Association and Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association to attend the 66th FRA/LAFRA Mid-Year Convention on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at the Stanislaus Veterans Center, Suite 15, 3500 Coffee Road, Modesto, CA 95355

Friday, March 10, 2023 early registration	1600 to 1900
Saturday, March 11, 2023 registration	0745 to 0845
First business session	0900 to 1100
Lunch	1100 to 1200
Second business session	1200 to 1600

All events will be conducted in the Stanislaus Veterans Center. This Convention will be a one-day event on Saturday. There will be no Opening Ceremony at the beginning and no Banquet following the conclusion. The shipmates and ladies desiring to make hotel reservations do so on their own. No block of rooms have been set up at any hotel. The hotels listed below are only recommendations.

A box lunch will be provided at a cost of \$20.00 per person. It will include a Tri-Tip sandwich and side of Tri-Tip chili beans. Desserts will be provided by our Unit. Send your box lunch requests and payment to our Branch Treasurer Neil Davis at 1003 Musick Avenue, Modesto, CA 95351-4740. Make your check payable to FRA Branch 197. Lemonade, iced tea, water and coffee will be provides. All requests due NLT 1 March.

Name: _____ Branch/Unit: _____

Lunch \$20.00 per person X _____ = _____

The Veterans Center bar and hospitality room will be open on Friday and Saturday 1600 to 1900. Snacks will be provided during early registration. A silent auction will be conducted by our unit during convention for your enjoyment.

Hotel recommendations

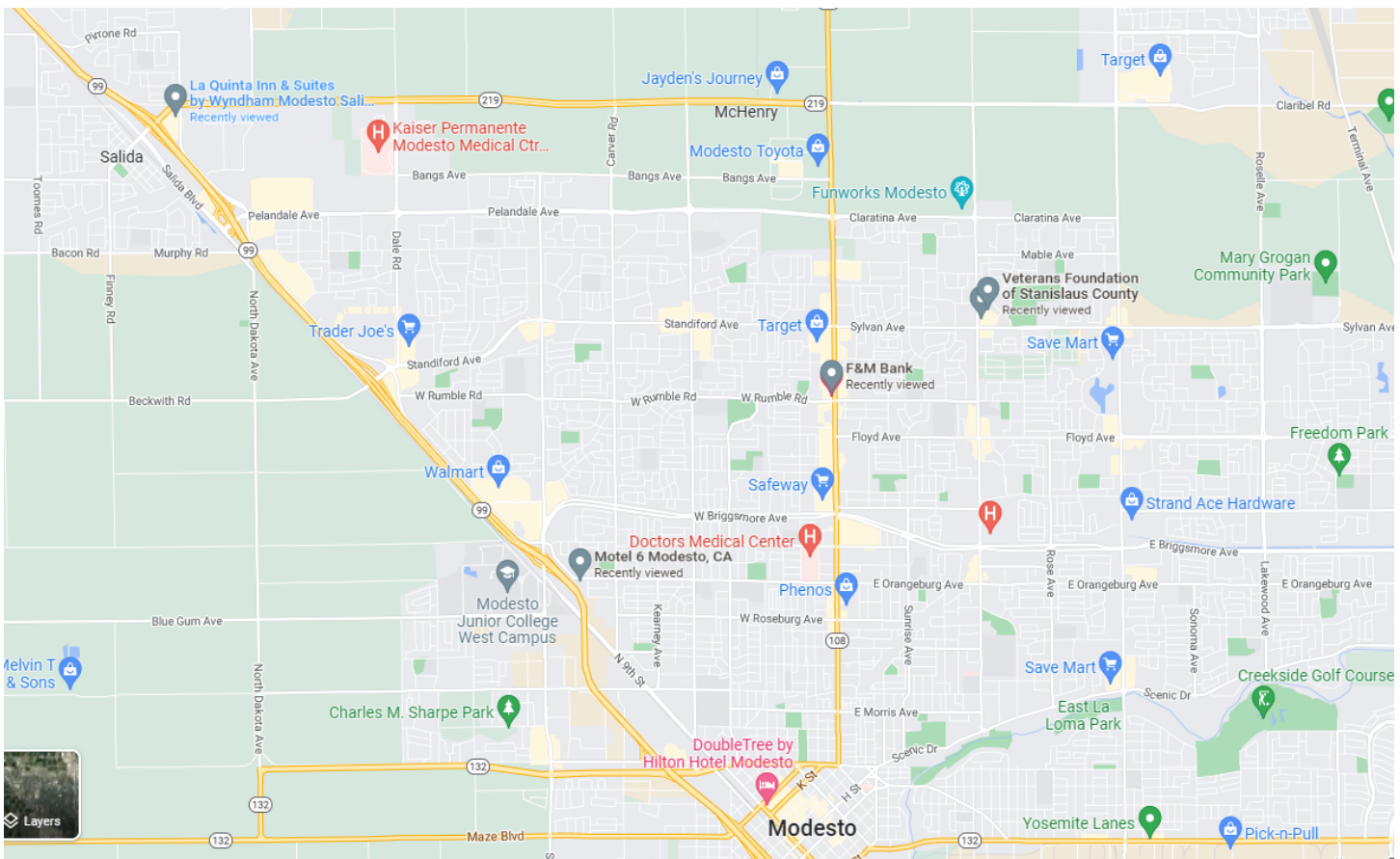
Motel 6 1920 West Orangeburg Avenue, Modesto, CA 95350 (209) 522-7271

Baymont by Wyndham Modesto Salida 4100 Salida Boulevard, Modesto, CA 95358 (209) 543-9000

Comfort Inn 2025 W. Orangeburg Ave., Modesto, CA 95350 (209) 544-2000

**La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Modesto Salida
4909 Sisk Road, Salida, CA 95368 (209) 418-7127**

Map of Modesto, California



Most of the hotels in Modesto are located on the West or East side of the Hwy 99 corridor a few miles West of McHenry Avenue, which runs North/South. The most direct route from Hwy 99 to the Stanislaus Veterans Center is to drive East on Standiford Avenue and pass through McHenry Avenue where Standiford Avenue turns into Sylvan Avenue and continues further East until you reach Coffee Road. Turn left (North) on Coffee Road and then immediately turn right and into the shopping center parking lot with Walgreen's on your right and Dynasty Gardens Chinese and La Morenita Mexican restaurant will be on your left. You should see the Stanislaus Veterans Center in front of you (as pictured on the front of this newsletter) . The entrance is Suite 15. Marie Callender's Restaurant and Bakery are at the other corner of the parking lot. If you drive East from Hwy 99 on Kiernan or Pelandale you would turn right when you get to McHenry Ave. and then left on Sylvan Ave. to get to the Stanislaus Veterans Center. If you are driving from Hwy 99 headed east on Briggsmore or Rumble you would turn left on McHenry Ave. and right on Sylvan Ave to get to the Stanislaus Veterans Center.



**2023 FRA/LAFRA WEST COAST REGIONAL CONVENTION
HOSTED BY
WYOMING BRANCH & UNIT 59
AUGUST 17-19, 2023**

Wyoming Branch and Unit 59 cordially invite you to attend the 2023 West Coast Regional Convention to be held August 17-19, 2023, at the Red Lion Hotel and Conference Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming. This is a great time to re-connect with your shipmates and members of the auxiliary. For more information, please visit our Facebook page...**FRA Branch 59, Cheyenne, Wyoming.**

FRA Convention Chair: PRPNW Mike Archer – (307) 778-7981, Email: mikearcher@bresnan.net

LAFRA Convention Chair: Mary Archer – (307) 778-7981, Email: maryarcher@bresnan.net

FRA Registration/Credentials: Terry Allison – (619) 895-6258, Email: wyo sailor68@gmail.com, 2108 Park Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82007-3397

LAFRA Registration/Credentials: Debbie Trojovsky - (307) 214-9067, Email: deebeemac@msn.com, 3401 Barbell Ct., Cheyenne WY 82001-6331

Meals: Mary Archer – 942 Sun Valley Drive, Cheyenne WY 82001-6851

Hotel Information: Red Lion Hotel and Conference Center, 204 West Fox Farm Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Room reservations: 307-638-4466. Group name is: Fleet Reserve Association West Coast Region - Reservation Deadline: **August 1, 2023.**

Room rates will be offered 2 days before and 2 days after the convention. Make your reservations NOW! Room rates are \$94.00 a night (complimentary breakfast buffet).

Hotel features include: Full-service restaurant...Sandalwoods Restaurant (open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner); Fireside Lounge, heated indoor pool; fitness center; business center, room service; wireless internet; free parking, complimentary shuttle (7 a.m.-11 p.m.).

Getting to Cheyenne: Transportation: Cheyenne Regional Airport is located 3.2 miles from the Red Lion, Denver International Airport is located 1 ½ hrs from Cheyenne. There is a shuttle from DIA to Cheyenne through Groome Transportation. Contact them at: www.groometransportation.com or (970) 226-5533.

For Those With RVs...AB Camping and RV Park, 1503 W. College Drive, (307) 634-7035 (1.9 miles from Red Lion); F.E. Warren AFB Crow Creek FamCamp...307-773-3874 (6.8 miles from Red Lion); Terry Bison Ranch Resort, 51 I-25 Service Rd., (307) 634-4171 (11.3 miles from Red Lion).

Additional Activities: We will have a 'Welcome Aboard' activity Friday, August 18 following Opening Ceremonies. We have arranged transportation from the Red Lion to the downtown Depot Plaza. Those who are interested can tour the depot, visit the Cheyenne Depot Museum, shop at the downtown local businesses, enjoy the music provided by bands "Fridays on the Plaza", do a little gaming at the Downtown Cheyenne Horse Palace, partake of the food from various food trucks on the Plaza, or enjoy the restaurants close by...The Albany Restaurant, Accomplice Beer Company, Sanford's Grub & Pub, to name a few.

**2023 West Coast Region Convention
August 17-19, 2023
Red Lion Hotel and Conference Center
Cheyenne, Wyoming**

MEAL INFORMATION

Friday, August 18, 2023 – Lunch - \$25

Taco Bar (Seasoned Ground Beef and Chicken, Corn and Flour Tortilla Shells, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Black Olives, Jalapenos, and Onions, Salsa, Guacamole, Sour Cream, and Shredded Cheese, Spanish Rice, Churros, Iced Tea & Coffee)

Number attending _____ x \$25 = _____

Saturday, August 19, 2023 – Past Regional Presidents' Breakfast (Closed Venue) - \$20

Old West Breakfast Buffet (Assortment of Muffins, Breads, and Pastries, Freshly Scrambled Eggs with Cheddar Cheese, Hickory Smoked Bacon and Link Sausage, Bowl of Fresh Fruit, Country Potatoes, Orange, Apple, and Cranberry Juice, Fresh Brewed Coffee, Assortment of Hot Herbal Teas)

Number attending _____ x \$20 = _____

Saturday, August 19, 2023 – Lunch - \$25

Dogwood's Sandwich Board (Tossed Mixed Greens with Assorted Dressings, Oven Roasted Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef, and Salami, Chef's Selection of Sliced Cheeses, Lettuce, Tomato, Onions, and Pickles, Mustard and Mayo, Potato Salad, Chef's Selection of Breads, Cookies and Fudge Nut Brownies, Iced Tea & Coffee)

Number attending _____ x \$25 = _____

Saturday, August 19, 2023 – Installation of Officers/Banquet - \$45

Dinner Buffet (Herb Roasted Chicken, London Broil, Brown Sugar Crusted Salmon, Salad Bar of Mixed Greens, Condiments with Three Dressings (Fruit Salad and Pasta Salad), Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Blend (Green Beans, Wax Beans, and Carrots), Desserts (Assorted Dessert Bar) [Cheesecake with Raspberry and Chocolate Sauce, Layered Chocolate Cake. Layered Lemon Cake, Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting])

Number attending _____ x \$45 = _____

Total \$ _____

Name _____ Branch/Unit # _____ Phone # _____

Send form and make check payable to: **2023 West Coast Convention, C/O: Mary Archer, 942 Sun Valley Drive, Cheyenne WY 82001**

Please email any special dietary needs, food allergies, etc., to Mary Archer, maryarcher@bresnan.net and she will pass them along to the Red Lion.

ALL MEAL RESERVATIONS CLOSE JULY 31, 2023