



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

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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 on hand.

Name: _____ Branch/Unit: _____

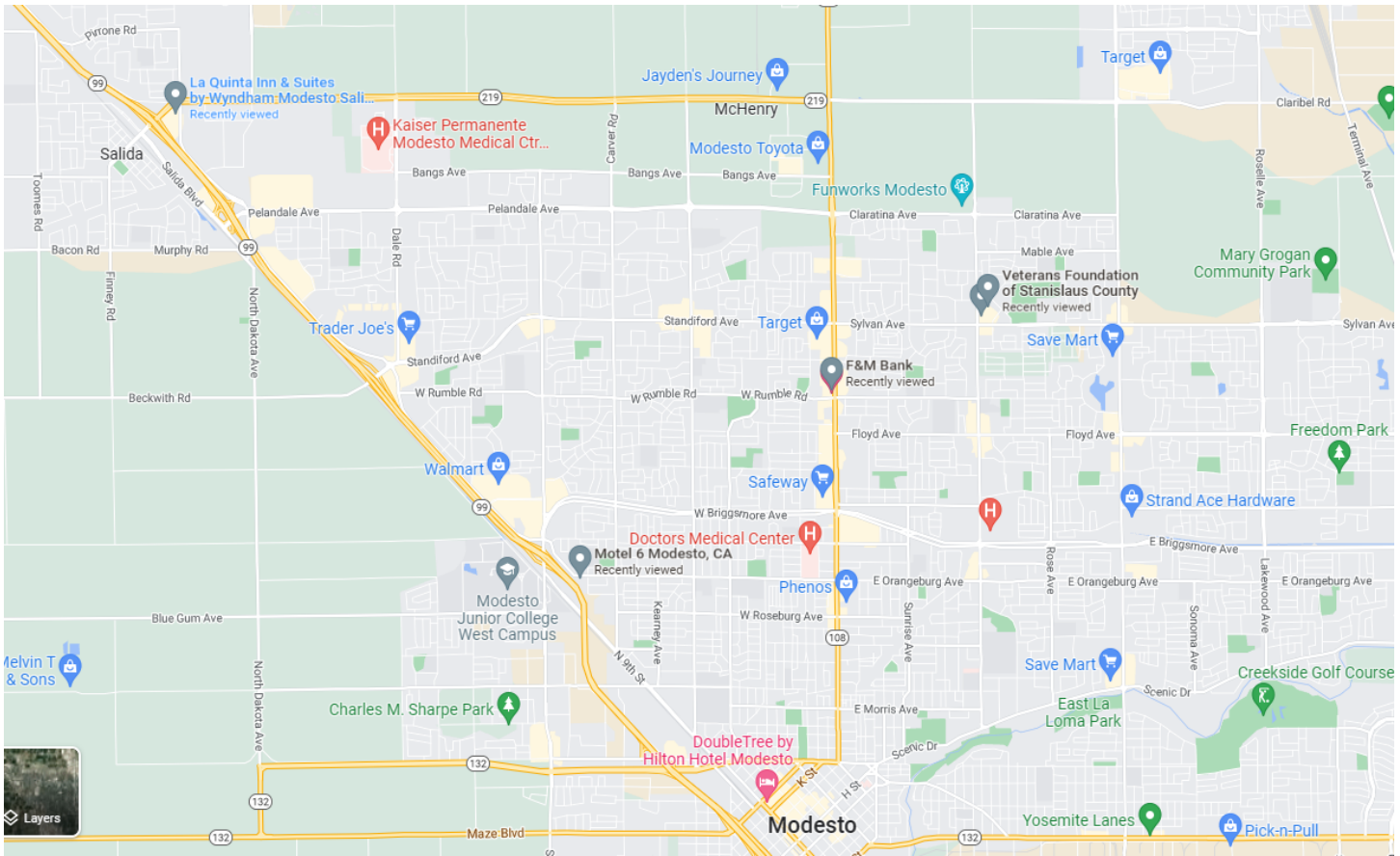
Lunch \$20.00 per person X _____ = _____

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.