



## WEST COAST REGION FRA/LAFRA 2019 MID - YEAR CONVENTION Newsletter #2

After having the rug literally pulled from under my feet earlier, I have reviewed several local lodging facilities in the area looking for a suitable place to stay having elevator access and a tolerable room rate. This turned out to be a far more difficult task than I had expected. The Shipmates and Auxiliary members of Branch and Unit 8 extend greetings to all and wish your presence at the mid - year convention 22 - 23 March 2019 at the Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo CA 94591.

Lodging accommodations have been arranged at the Double Tree Hotel and Spa Napa Valley - American Canyon, 3600 Broadway Avenue, American Canyon CA 94503, phone 707-674-2100. Room rates are \$110 + tax for Single King/Double Queens. Be sure to specify "FRA" when making your reservation. The "Cut-Off Date" is 22 February 2019.

Lunch will be served at the Veteran's Memorial Building and our famous Branch 8 all you can eat Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner is in the works for your eating pleasure the evening of 23 March. Be prepared for a great St Paddy's Day meal.

The hospitality room will be at the Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building for all to gather and catch up on old friendships and start some new ones.

Remember, this is the time for our only regional fund raiser, so Branch Secretaries **Do Not** put the 50/50 drawing tickets that will be distributed in a drawer and forget about them. Be sure to emphasize the fact you need not be present to win as you go about selling these tickets. Your help in making this a great time for everyone attending and the region is vital.

For those who may wish to fly, a shuttle bus service is available to and from San Francisco or Oakland airports for \$40 per person each way and the bus stops at the hotel. Please contact PNP Blackburn for further information.

## Hotel Registration Information

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel & Spa Napa Valley  
3600 Broadway Street (Hwy 29)  
American Canyon CA 94503  
Phone: (707) 674-2100  
[www.NapaValleyAmericanCanyon.DoubleTree.com](http://www.NapaValleyAmericanCanyon.DoubleTree.com)  
Group code "FRA" Click on "Check Room & Rates"

"Hilton Link"

<http://group.doubletree.com/fleetserveassociation>

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## Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday 21 March:	On your own if you decide to come early
Friday 22 March:	Veterans Memorial Building 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane
1600 to 1830	Early Registration
1700 to 2200	Hospitality room
Saturday 23 March	Veteran's Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane
0730 to 0845	Registration
0845	Assembly call
0900	Joint opening Ceremony
1030	Break
1045	1 <sup>st</sup> Business session
1130	Break for lunch
1300	2 <sup>nd</sup> Business session
1630	Adjourn
1800 to 1900	No host cocktails
1900	Dinner

The Mare Island Museum in town and the Budweiser Brewery and Jelly Belly Factory are about 10 miles away for those interested in individual touring.



# West Coast Mid-Year 23 March 2019 MENU

## LUNCH

Soup, Salad and Sandwich (build your own)  
Desert, Coffee & Tea

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch/Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

## DINNER

World Famous Branch 8 all the you can eat Corned Beef and Cabbage along with red potatoes, carrots, turnips  
and onions plus mixed breads and Ice Cream.

*Special diet request available, ie. Baked chicken vice corned beef, indicate below:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch/Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Number (Corned Beef) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Number (Baked Chicken) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send meal request with payment prior to 1 March 2019**

Make Check Payable To Fra Branch 8 (Memo: 2019 Midyear Meals)

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