



# Veterans' Day Parade Parade Day Information

- DATE:** THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 11, 2021 (RAIN OR SHINE)
- LOCATION:** Downtown, San Jose, California
- STARTING TIME:** 12:00 Noon
- STREET CLOSURES:** 9:00 am Staging Areas – 11:00 am – Parade Route

## PARADE ROUTE

Approximately 1.0 miles - Official start is at the highway 87 overpass on Santa Clara Street and proceed east on Santa Clara Street, turns right onto Market Street passing Plaza de Cesar Chavez and ending at San Carlos Street.

## STAGING AREAS

- **FLOATS / LARGE VEHICLES / VEHICLE CLUBS:**
  - **Santa Clara Street** both sides between Autumn Street and Cahill Street
    - Entries assigned to stage on Santa Clara Street, enter from the Alameda
  - **South Montgomery Street** between Santa Clara Street and San Fernando Street
    - Entries assigned to South Montgomery Street, enter from San Fernando Street
    - Float and vehicle riders may be dropped off on Cahill Street lots
- **MARCHERS:**
  - **Delmas Avenue parking lot (west side)** 45 Delmas Avenue - across from the San Jose Water Company
    - Enter from San Fernando Street
    - Buses may unload on Delmas Avenue and proceed to the de-staging area.
- **DIGNITARIES:**
  - **Delmas Avenue parking lot (east side)** – former San Jose Water Company parking lot, near corner of Santa Clara Street.
- **BANDS:**
  - **Barack Obama Boulevard (formerly North Autumn Street) – near 98 Barack Obama Blvd. next to SAP Center** – from Santa Clara Street to St. John Street
  - **St. John Street** – between West St. John Street to Barack Obama Boulevard
    - Buses unload on St. John Street or Barack Obama Boulevard Enter from West Julian Street.
    - Band buses will be directed to exit either Santa Clara Street or Barack Obama Boulevard to Julian Street and proceed to the de-staging area. Be sure bus drivers have copies of the map provided.

- **EQUESTRIANS:**
  - **Barack Obama Boulevard (formerly South Autumn Street) near 20 Barack Obama Blvd.-** between Santa Clara Street and the South Autumn Street parking lot entrance
  - Trailers and vehicles enter from San Fernando Street
- **ENTRY NUMBERS** will be
  - Posted on orange traffic cones in the various staging locations.
  - Please form your unit at the number assigned to you.
  - Parade personnel will be in the staging areas assist you.
  - **Please stay in order to facilitate easy placement in the parade.**
  - Once the unit in front of you moves up, please move your unit forward.

### **PARTICIPANT PARKING**

There is **NO PARKING** in the staging area or surrounding streets. Recommended parking;

- SAP parking lot on Barack Obama Boulevard and Santa Clara Street.
- Lot on Delmas Avenue, south of old San Jose Water Company building
- You may utilize other downtown parking lots. These parking lots may charge for parking.
- Limited handicapped parking with a handicapped placard in the Delmas parking lot.
- San Jose parking information can be found at [www.sidowntownparking.com](http://www.sidowntownparking.com) and click maps.

### **VEHICLE PASS**

**ONLY vehicles with a Vehicle Participant Pass displayed in the windshield will be allowed into the staging and de-staging areas. This is not a parking pass.** The number of passes is given based on the size of units.

### **PARADE PERSONNEL**

Parade personnel will be properly identified if you have any questions.

### **PARADE INFORMATION**

A "Parade Information Center" will be located near the corner of Santa Clara Street and Delmas Avenue. Parade information is available at this location.

### **REST ROOM FACILITIES**

Portable rest room facilities will be located throughout the staging area.

## **PARADE PACE**

- Parade staff will set pace.
- **THIS IS A FORWARD MOTION PARADE.**
- There is no stopping along the parade route or in front of the review stage area unless notified by parade staff or granted permission in advance.
  
- Ideal spacing is approximately 25 feet between units, which should be maintained during the entire parade.
- If a parade marshal asks you to speed up or slow down, please cooperate.
- **ALL units are requested to perform along parade route.**

## **EMERGENCY NEEDS**

Ambulance vehicles and staff, tow trucks, and police will be available to report to the parade route as needed. In the event of an emergency during the parade, notify the nearest police or parade personnel.

## **ANNOUNCERS AND JUDGES**

Announcer stand will be located at the corner of Santa Clara Street and Market Street.

Main Review Stand with announcer and judges located in front of the Tech Museum at the corner of Park Avenue and Market Street.

## **JUDGING**

Professional judges from the Pacific Coast Judges Association will judge most parade participants in a variety of categories. **Winners will be notified by mail.**

## **DE-STAGING (DISBAND)**

Below are directions for de-staging. Always continue in a forward motion to your final de-staging location. **NOTICE: BUS PARKING will be located on S. First Street between San Carlos Street and E. San Salvador Street and on N. First Street between San Carlos Street and E. San Fernando Street. PLEASE NOTIFY BUS DRIVERS. Do not park in VTA bus zones.**

- **BANDS and ROTC's (units that Traveled by Bus):** Turn left onto San Carlos Street (once on San Carlos Street, please break rank and proceed on the side walks) to First Street.
- **FLOATS:** Turn right at San Carlos Street and turn right onto Almaden Boulevard. **DO NOT** disembark a float prior to turning onto Almaden Boulevard. Floats should pull to the curb, disembark riders and then continue to San Fernando Street and turn left and continue back to the staging area or to place of origin.

- **SPECIALTY UNITS, MARCHERS, VEHICLES:** Turn right at San Carlos Street, break rank and move marchers move to sidewalk then turn right onto Almaden Boulevard. Continue back to the staging area via San Fernando Street.
- **EQUESTRIANS:** Turn right at San Carlos Street and turn right onto Almaden Boulevard and left on San Fernando Street and right on South Autumn Street, back to staging location. Be advised there will be traffic on Almaden Boulevard and San Fernando Street.
- **VEHICLES CARRYING VIPs, GUESTS:** Turn right onto San Carlos Street and turn right onto Almaden Boulevard. Vehicles carrying VIP's scheduled to attend the special seating on the review stand will proceed to Park Avenue where the VIP will be ushered to the special seating area.

**ATTENTION ALL UNITS!** Please be aware of traffic and light rail on San Carlos Street at the de-staging streets and on San Fernando Street near the staging area. All will be operating as normal. DO NOT stop your unit in the middle of any streets. Move your unit out of traffic into a safe location.

**CONTACTS:**

**Day of Parade Telephone Numbers:**

Ray Pulver - Parade Coordinator: 408-410-6255 (parade day)

Gene Fanucchi – Parade Chairman: 408-506-9643

**HEALTH AND SAFETY – COVID-19**

The California Department of Public Health guidelines for Mega Events recommends everyone participating or attending be vaccinated. Face coverings are recommended. Understand that there is a risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 in connection your participation in this event.

YOUR COOPERATION WITH THE SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND WITH THE PARADE STAFF OFFICERS, WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



## **VETERANS' DAY PARADE**

### **Parade Day Entry Rules and Guidelines**

**ALL** safety instructions and guidelines are requirements of the city, parade insurance agency and parade organizers. If a participant does not adhere to these rules and guidelines, the entry will be subject to removal from the parade. We must insure a safe and fun parade for all!

- **FORWARD MOTION PARADE, NO STOPPING TO PERFORM**
- **NO THROWING or PASSING OUT OF ANY FAVORS OR LITATURE FROM PARADE ROUTE**
- **NO ADVOCATING, OPPOSING, DEPICTING, OR ENDORSING OF ANY POLITICAL, SOCIAL, OR RELIGIOUS ISSUES OR PERSONS**
- **NO POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS OR ANY TYPE OF CAMPAIGNING IS ALLOWED ON THE PARADE ROUTE**
- **NO PERSONS OR ARTICLES HANGING OVER OR RIDING ON THE SIDES OF FLOATS OR VEHICLES**
- **NO PERSONS RIDING ON THE ROOF OR HOOD VEHICLES**
- **NO STANDING IN THE BACK OF ANY TRUCK**
- **NO SPRAYING OF WATER OR OTHER LIQUIDS FROM ENTRIES**
- **NO FIREWORKS OR POPERS OF ANY KIND**
- **NO JUMPING ON OR OFF FLOATS OR VEHICLES**
- **NO SWERVING OR STUNT DRIVING**
- **NO BLOWING OF SIRENS, VEHICLE HORNS OR REVING OF ENGINES**
- **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR SMOKING AROUND ENTRIES**
- **NO BALLOONS:** Helium balloons (mylar or latex) due to the flight path of the Airport.
- **NO USE OF WEAPONS** (unless previously approved or those with a color guard unit)
- **NO USE OF CELL PHONES, INCLUDING TEXTING, WHILE DRIVING VEHICLE IN THE PARADE**
- **DO NOT LEAVE BAGS, BOXES OR EQUIPMENT ON THE STREETS OR IN PARKING LOTS.**

During this event, be aware of your surroundings and report suspicious activity. If you see something, say something. If you see suspicious behavior or situations, do not confront the individuals involved. In any emergency, call 911.

#### **FLOATS / VEHICLES:**

- Float vehicles cannot exceed 40' in length, 10' wide and 13' high (from ground)
- Decorated floats/vehicles should carry a current dated 2A10BC fire extinguisher
- Float and vehicle riders must be secure on the vehicle with handholds, rails or chairs
- All decorations must be flame retardant
- ALL vehicles must be properly registered and insured
- Drivers must be properly licensed

- Test your generator and fill your gas tank prior to the parade
- Check the float hitch to make sure it is secure
- Make sure your vehicle driver has clear vision on all sides with no obstructions
- All floats and decorated vehicles are subject to inspection by the Fire Department

### **EQUESTRIAN ENTRIES:**

- MUST have clean up crew to follow entry in the parade and to clean staging and disband areas.
- MUST have a minimum of one handler for every two horses, walking with horses.
- Animal handlers must have control of their animal at all times
- Animals participating in the parade must be used to large crowds and loud noise
- Any animal deemed unsafe by a parade committee member or police will be removed
- An adult must accompany children under the age of 12

### **ENTRY APPEARANCE:**

- All participants must appear in costumes or uniformed attire
- Staff or assistants accompanying the unit should be properly attired.
- Any authorized vehicles accompanying the entry must be clean.

### **KEEP IN MIND:**

- This is a family friendly event. All entries must appear appropriately
- Respect all parade monitors, marshals and volunteers
- Keep a watchful eye on children and youth at all times
- Adult supervision is required for children under the age of 12
- Provide water to your participants, especially children and seniors
- A representative of your organization has signed the original entry application understanding all parade information and guidelines presented.
- Signs and banners are for identification of the entry only.

## **PARADE AWARDS**

Award winners will be notified within a few days following the parade. They will also be posted on the parade website at [www.uvcsc.org](http://www.uvcsc.org) or available through the Parade Coordinator. Awards will be mailed to winners. Parade is judged by the Pacific Coast Judges Association.