



# **SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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## **TRAINING BULLETIN**

**TO: ALL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**

**FROM:** Edgardo Garcia  
Chief of Police

**SUBJECT: WEARING OF MILITARY RIBBONS**

**DATE:** November 3, 2020

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Sworn Department members are permitted to wear certain insignia on their uniforms to denote accomplishments, specialized training, and auxiliary duties (e.g., Honor Guard, Crisis Intervention Team, 10851, and DUI).

The United States Armed Forces awards and decorations are primarily the medals, service ribbons, and specific badges which recognize military service and personal accomplishments while a member of the U.S. Armed Forces. Such awards are a means to outwardly display the highlights of a service member's career.

The San Jose Police Department has always had members who serve the community and who also have served our country as a member of one of the five branches of the armed services. The Department actively recruits members of the armed forces for their leadership abilities, dedication to service, and willingness to continue to serve in the community. In order to show its appreciation for their service, the Department will allow uniformed personnel to wear their Military Service Ribbons in accordance with the following code:

**California Code, Military and Veterans Code Section 648.** (Amended by Stats. 2018, Ch. 118, Sec. 46.) in part states:

(b) Decorations authorized by this code and decorations or medals from the Armed Forces of the United States, the California National Guard, State Military Reserve, or Naval Militia, or any service medals or badges awarded to the members of such forces, may be worn by uniformed public safety personnel in accordance with the code, laws, or regulations, during the business week prior to Veterans Day and Memorial Day, the day of Veterans Day and Memorial Day, and the business day immediately following Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday in May, commemorating the men and women who died in the service of their country. Veterans Day is observed on November 11<sup>th</sup> every year, honoring those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Uniformed personnel who are current members of the Reserve Armed Forces, The National Guard, or who have been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces may wear these service ribbons on their uniforms during the business week prior to Veterans Day and Memorial Day, the day of Veterans Day and Memorial Day, and the business day immediately following Veterans Day and Memorial Day each year.

Ribbons worn on the uniform shall be affixed below the badge and above any Department medal or award. Ribbons worn on the dress coat shall be worn below the badge.

These changes will be reflected in the Department's Uniform Manual.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edgardo Garcia', with the initials 'EG' written below it.

Edgardo Garcia  
Chief of Police

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