

A message to all -

A US Navy Thanksgiving is a well-planned affair for good reason. Sailors, chiefs and officers alike are away from family and friends. The well-organized meal was usually served from noon to 2000 on larger ships but could easily fit into a noon to 1600 time slot on FRANK KNOX, in most schedules. Of course, there were always exceptions.

We know that the first Thanksgiving for FRANK KNOX was in Boston MA; November 23, 1944. A few days later the ship was undergoing standardization trials followed by commissioning in Boston December 11, 1944. FRANK KNOX was the first Gearing class ship launched and commissioned. She would soon join 4 other new Gearings headed to Halsey's Third Fleet and the Battle of Okinawa.

A year later, FRANK KNOX celebrated Thanksgiving in Tsingtao, China. In 1948, the ship would return to the same location for another Thanksgiving. The last Thanksgiving was 1970 in San Diego CA. The Greek Navy was beginning to get familiar with their newest ship before sailing away to Greece in early 1971.

No matter the location, FRANK KNOX sailors gather to give thanks for skilled leadership and faithful shipmates, then and now. So, happy Thanksgiving from your FRANK KNOX family to you and yours this holiday.