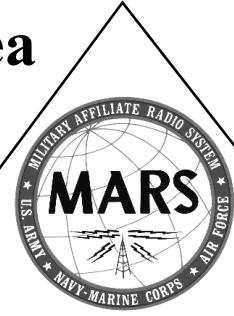


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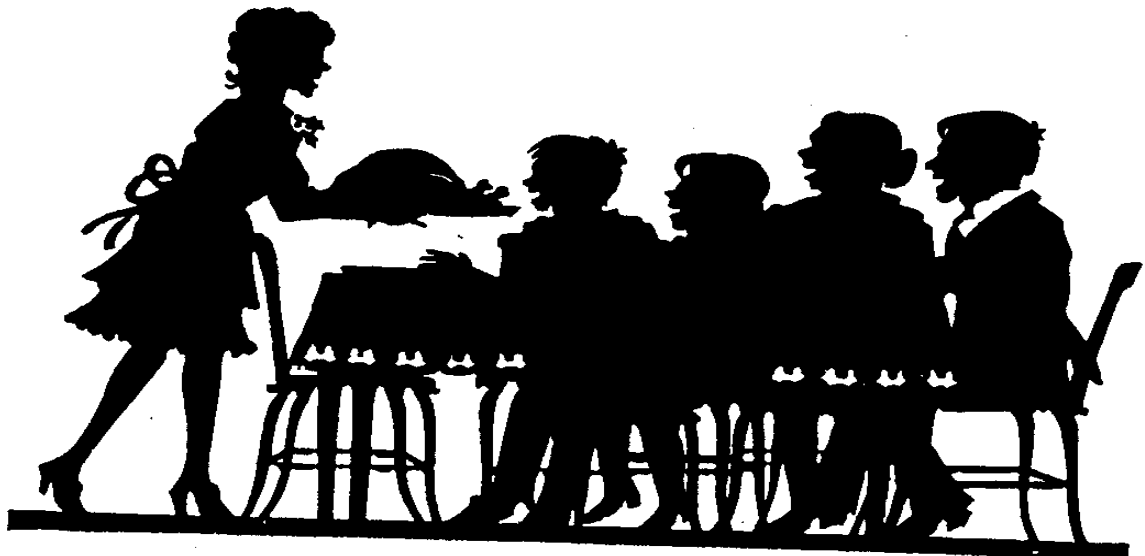
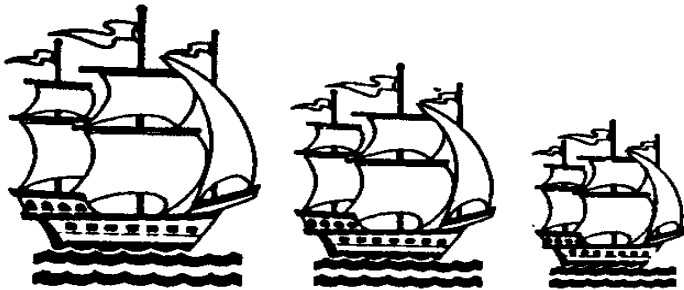
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## We Pause To Give Thanks

*“Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;  
Who, from our mother’s arms, hath blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today;  
All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given.  
God bless our native land; firm may she ever stand  
Through storm and night; When the wild tempests rave,  
Ruler of wind and wave, O God our country save  
By Thy great might.”*



# Thanksgiving

There are two schools of thought about where the first Thanksgiving observance took place in America: At Plymouth in Massachusetts, or Jamestown, Virginia. I have been aboard the Mayflower II, an exact replica of the original Mayflower, and I've seen the Plymouth rock---really a very large pebble. For a number of years I lived in Virginia, have visited Jamestown a number of times, and Williamsburg. During those years there were always articles leading up to the observance of Thanksgiving setting forth that the first Thanksgiving observance in America took place in Jamestown. What follows is the Plymouth version of the first Thanksgiving celebration in America.

The Pilgrims who sailed to this country aboard the Mayflower in 1620, were originally members of the English Separatist Church (a Puritan sect). They had earlier fled their home in England and sailed to Holland to escape religious persecution. There they enjoyed a more religious tolerance, but they eventually became disenchanted with the Dutch way of life, thinking it ungodly. Seeking a better life, the Separatists negotiated with a London stock company to finance a pilgrimage to America. Most of those making the trip aboard the Mayflower were non-Separatists, but were hired to protect the company's interests. Only about one-third of the original colonists were Separatists.

The Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth Rock on 11 December 1620. Their first winter was devastating. At the beginning of the following fall, they had lost 46 of the original 102 who sailed on the Mayflower. But the harvest of 1621 was a bountiful one. And the remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast - including 91 Indians who had helped the Pilgrims survive their first year. It is believed that the Pilgrims would not have made it through the year without the help of the Indians. The feast was more of a traditional English harvest festival than a true Thanksgiving observance.

It lasted three days.

Governor William Bradford sent "four men fowling" after wild ducks and geese. It is not certain that wild turkey was part of their feast. However, it is certain that they had venison. The term "turkey" was used by the Pilgrims to mean any sort of wild fowl.

Another modern staple at almost every Thanksgiving table is pumpkin pie. But it is unlikely that the first feast included that treat. The supply of flour had been long gone, so there was no bread or pastries or any kind. However, they did eat

boiled pumpkin, and they produced a type of fried bread from their corn crop. There was no milk, cider, potatoes or butter. There were no domestic cattle for dairy products, and the newly discovered potato was still considered by many Europeans to be poisonous. But the feast did include fish, berries, watercress, lobster, dried fruit, clams, venison and plums. The Thanksgiving feast was not repeated the following year. But in 1623, during a severe drought, the Pilgrims gathered in a prayer service, praying for rain. When a long, steady rain followed the very next day, Governor Bradford proclaimed another day of Thanksgiving, again inviting their Indian friends. It wasn't until June of 1676, that another day of Thanksgiving was proclaimed.

On 20 June 1676, the governing council of Charlestown, Massachusetts, held a meeting to determine how best to express thanks for the good fortune that had seen their community securely established. By unanimous vote they instructed Edward Rawson, the clerk, to proclaim 29 June as a day of thanksgiving. It is notable that this thanksgiving celebration probably did not include the Indians, as the celebration was meant partly to be in recognition of the colonists' recent victory over the "heathen natives."

October of 1777 marked the first time that all 13 colonies joined in a thanksgiving celebration. It also commemorated the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga. But it was a one-time affair.

George Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789, although some were opposed to it. But there was discord among the colonies, many feeling the hardships of a few Pilgrims did not warrant a national holiday. And later, President Thomas Jefferson scoffed at the idea of having a day of thanksgiving.

It was Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, whose efforts eventually led to what we recognize as Thanksgiving. Hale wrote many editorials championing her cause. Finally, after a 40-year campaign of writing editorials and letters to governors and Presidents, Hale's obsession became a reality when, in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving was proclaimed by every President after Lincoln. The date was changed a couple of times, once by President Franklin Roosevelt, but in 1941 Congress made Thanksgiving a national legal holiday on the fourth Thursday in November.

# THANKSGIVING DAY 1789

## BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION

whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor - and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

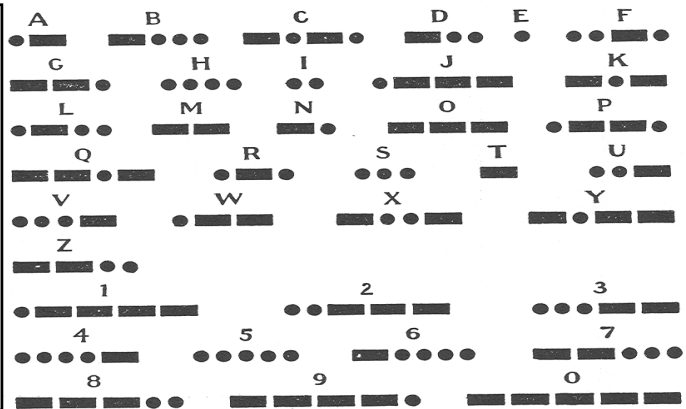
Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be – That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks – for his kind care and protection of the People of this country previous to their becoming a Nation – for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war –for the great degree of tranquillity, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed – for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions – to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually – to render our national government a blessing to all the People, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed – to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord – To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and Us – and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

GO. WASHINGTON.

How long has it been since you last worked an amateur radio operator via cw? Since our MARS CW Net was abolished some of you may not have worked cw since then. As we all know, you can work cw when you cannot use voice with any success. It would be interesting to know how many of you are working cw on the amateur frequencies, with what power, and whether DX and/or stateside contacts. If you're rusty on your code, tune in to W1AW. The schedule follows with permission to reproduce it from Mr. Wayne Mills, N7NG, Manager Membership Services Department, ARRL.



# W1AW SCHEDULE

ZULU TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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2300Z	SLOW CODE	FAST CODE	SLOW CODE	FAST CODE	SLOW CODE
2400Z		CODE		BULLETIN	
0100Z		DIGITAL		BULLETIN	
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To publish a newsletter one obviously needs to have news to put into the newsletter. With all the membership we have throughout the Central Area we have a rich store of ideas from which to draw. I need to hear from you!

## Over The River and Through The Woods

Over the river and through the woods,  
To grandfather's house we go;  
The horse knows the way  
To carry the sleigh  
Thru the white and drifted snow, Oh!

Over the river and thru the woods,  
Oh how the wind does blow!  
It stings the toes,  
And bites the nose,  
As over the ground we go.

## Some Things To Think About

There are two ways of meeting difficulties: You alter the difficulties, or you alter yourself to meet them. ---Phyllis Bottome. Everything is possible. Whenever is seems hopeless, it never is. ---George Welsh, college football coach. If you don't behave as you believe, you will end by believing as you behave. ---Archbishop Fulton Sheen. If your life is not all you want it to be, it may be that you have some forgiving to do. ---Anon. It takes courage to know when you ought to be afraid. ---James A. Michener. If love closes up, the self contracts and hardens. ---Charles Horton Cooley. Talk is cheap unless you can deliver. ---Dana Owens. It is easy enough to be pleasant, When life flows by like a song, But the man worth while is one who will smile, When everything goes dead wrong. ---Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Tomorrow is often the busiest day of the year. ---Spanish proverb. It is not love, but lack of love, which is blind. ---Glenway Wescott. The trouble with resisting temptation is it may never come your way again. ---Korman's law. The advantage of the incomprehensible is that it never loses its freshness. ---Paul Valery, Poet & philosopher. There is a fine difference of perspective between getting involved and being committed. In ham and eggs, the chicken is involved, but the pig is committed. ---John-Allen Price. We live by hope. We do not always get all we want when we want it, but we have to believe that someday, somehow, some way, it will be better and that we can make it so. ---Hubert H. Humphrey, Politician. Very often a change of self is needed more than a change of scene. ---Arthur Christopher Benson. Sorrow is so easy to express and yet so hard to tell. ---Joni Mitchell. Constantly choosing the lesser of two evils is still choosing evil. ---Jerry Garcia. If there is one skill in life we all need to learn it's how to get back up, dust ourselves off, and get on with things. ---A. C. Ping. There have been a few moments when I have known complete satisfaction, but only a few. I have rarely been free from the disturbing realization that my playing might have been better. ---Jan Ignace Paderewski, Musician and composer. The humblest citizen of all the land, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of error. ---William

Jennings Bryan. A myth always rise to fill a need. ---Gloria Naylor. Its how you show up at the showdown that counts. ---Homer Norton, College football coach. If fate means you to lose, give him a good fight anyhow. ---William McFee. You do not determine your success by comparing yourself to others. Rather you determine your success by comparing your accomplishments to your capabilities. ---Zig Ziglar. What oxygen is to the lungs, such is hope to the meaning of life. ---Emil Brunner, Theologian. By perseverance the snail reached the ark. ---Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Cleric. The freedom to make mistakes provides the best environment for creativity. ---Anon. When you're in deep water, the best thing to do is shut your mouth. ---Anon. All the taxes paid over a lifetime by the average American are spent by the government in less than a second. ---Jim Fiebig. One night while I was on duty at a Naval hospital, I overheard a young serviceman dictating a letter home to his wife. A kindhearted nurse was writing down the letter. "The nurses here," he dictated, "are a rather plain lot." "But," exclaimed the nurse, "don't you think that's too harsh?" The serviceman smiled, "Yes it is," he said. "But it will make my wife very happy." ---Janni Matthews. Worriers spend a lot of time shoveling smoke. ---Claude McDonald. Most of us are umpires at heart; we like to call balls and strikes on somebody else. ---Leo Aikman. The best index to a person's character is how he treats people who can't do him any good, and hows he treats people who can't fight back. ---Abigail Van Buren. Some men become proud and insolent because they ride a fine horse, wear a feather in their hat or are dressed in a fine suit of clothes. Who does not see the folly of this? If there be any glory in such things, the glory belongs to the horse, the bird and the tailor. ---St. Francis de Sales. What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything? ---Vincent van Gogh. People judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hard-boiled egg. ---Good Reading. Tenderness is passion in repose. ---Joseph Joubert. The exercise of prayer, in those who habitually engage in it, is regarded by most doctors as the great pacifier of the mind. ---William James.

===Strange Reported Happenings===

1. - When his .38-caliber revolver failed to fire at its intended victim during a holdup in long Beach, California, robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder: He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. Happily for most concerned, this time it worked.

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2. - The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat-cutting machine and, after a little hopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company.

The company, suspecting negligence, sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine out and lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved.

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3. - Mourners at the funeral of Anna Bochinsky in Moinesti, Romania, were naturally somewhat taken aback when she abruptly leapt from her coffin as it was being carried to the grave. Before they could react to this unexpected outburst, the woman bounded into the nearest road, where she was run over and killed by a passing car.

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4. - An American tourist in South America had the misfortune to be attacked by killer bees as he stood on the bank of the Amazon. Seeking refuge, he leapt into the river - and was devoured by piranha.

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5. - In Fort Lauderdale, Florida, an eighteen-year-old youth was charged with beating up his seventeen-year-old wife after the latter hid the caps to his toy pistol.

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6. - A man who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her dead.

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7. - After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus-stop and offered everyone in the queue a free ride.

He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days

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8. - An American teenager was in hospital yesterday recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train. When asked about how he received the injuries, the lad told the police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.

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9. - A mother took her daughter to the doctor and asked him to give her an examination to determine the cause of her daughter's swollen abdomen. It only took the doctor about 2 minutes to say "Gimmee a break lady! Your daughter is pregnant." The mother turned red with fury and she argued with the doctor that her daughter was a good girl and would never compromise her reputation by having sex with a boy.

The doctor faced the window and silently watched the horizon. The mother became enraged and screamed, "Quit looking out the window! Aren't you paying attention to me?" "Yes, of course I am paying attention ma'am. It's just that the last time this happened, a star appeared in the East, and three wise men came. I was hoping they would show up again and help me figure out who got your daughter pregnant."

During this season of the year we think of our military personnel on duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, in other duty stations around the world, and aboard Coast Guard and Navy ships on deployment, who will miss being with their families for Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Some of us will be standing by to provide phone patch communications for those ships requesting it.

Thanksgiving is a family-oriented observance, the roots of which go back to our pilgrim fore-fathers, with a decided religious overtone. Those of us who have served in the military and have been away during this season of the year, may remember our own feelings during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

There are many places in our world today where peace is absent and suffering is exacting a heavy toll upon people who are unable to defend or take care of themselves and their families.

What a great blessing it is to be with our families again this year as we celebrate old and well-established holiday. Yet, as often happens during this Thanksgiving season and the Christmas holidays, sadness and grief often pay an unexpected and unwanted visit.

As we celebrate these wonderful observances let us remember those who are lonely and sad and offer hospitality to them. Pray for them and pray always for our military personnel and their families.