

THE ELEANOR ROOSEVELT PROGRAM

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Description: In this segment, Elliott Roosevelt reads announcement for reunion for WAVES.

Participants: ER, Elliott Roosevelt, and Ben Grauer

[Ben Grauer:] And I think I can speak for our listeners, and say we enjoyed it too, Mrs. Drury. Uh, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in her interview with today's guest, Miss Michael Drury, freelance writer who spoke of her special series of articles in Good Housekeeping Magazine titled "Women and the New Law."

[Elliott Roosevelt:] Before we bring the program to a close, there is a special announcement I'd like to read to you. The WAVES National Reunion for 1951 will be held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, the 28th of July, 1951. This reunion marks the ninth anniversary of the passage of legislation authorizing the procurement of women for active duty in the U.S Navy. The first WAVE reunion in New York City, New York in 1947 resulted from the enthusiastic response to a spontaneous idea, that Navy women might enjoy getting together once a year to bat the breeze with old shipmates. The reunions are planned and managed by a committee of inactive WAVE reservists, or veterans, with assistance from the Assistant Personnel officer for women in the district in which held and are attended by WAVES of the regular Navy, the Naval Reserve, and WAVE veterans. The fact that from five-hundred to fifteen-hundred WAVES have, at their own expense, attended past reunions is evidence of their love for, and loyalty to, the United States Navy. As a result of invitations graciously extended by the Mayor and the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, the WAVES who gathered in Chicago in 1950 chose Philadelphia for the 1951 reunion. When plans are completed, information will be sent to WAVES in all parts of the United States. Meanwhile, those interested in attending the reunion should write to WAVES Reunion Committee, Building Number 4, U.S Naval Base, Philadelphia 12, Pennsylvania. Hotel reservations should be made individually by writing Mr. Robert C. Bennett, sales manager, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, 9th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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