

COMMANDER GRACE CHENEY, WOMEN'S RESERVE, U. S. NAVAL RESERVE

Commander Cheney, born in Winnetka, Illinois, July 21, 1908 was graduated from Bronxville High School in 1926 and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1930.

Commander Cheney was commissioned Lieutenant (junior grade) in the U. S. Naval Reserve on August 8, 1942 and was the first officer of the Women's Reserve to report for duty in the Third Naval District, New York, New York. Her subsequent promotions were as follows: Lieutenant, November 3, 1943; Lieutenant Commander, April 10, 1944 and Commander, December 18, 1945.

After being commissioned in the U. S. Naval Reserve, Commander Cheney was engaged in the procurement of WAVES in the Third Naval District, from August 1942 until June 1943. She then reported to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., for duty as Executive Assistant to the Director of Women's Reserve and served in that assignment until she was ordered to duty as Assistant Director of Women's Reserve (Operations) in February 1946. For her outstanding services as executive officer of the Office of the Director of Women's Reserve and for her assistance to the Director of Women's Reserve she received a Letter of Commendation from the Secretary of the Navy with authorization to wear the Commendation Ribbon.

Commander Cheney was detached from duty in the U. S. Naval Reserve on December 9, 1946.

In addition to the Commendation Ribbon, Commander Cheney is entitled to the American Area Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

Prior to her appointment to the U. S. Naval Reserve, Commander Cheney worked at R. H. Macy and Company, Inc., New York City where from 1931 her positions included Service Manager; Head of Employment and Training for Macy's Bureau of Adjustments. From 1937 until 1942 she was a Supervisor in the Executive Placement Division, being first an Executive Placement Interviewer and later a Supervisor in Charge of the Training Squad (a group of trainees preparing for junior executive positions).

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