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## Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Maryse Carmichael

Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Maryse Carmichael was introduced to aviation by her family. While attending the Bagotville Airshow at the age of 6, she was instantly mesmerized by the skilled performers exhibiting precision and discipline. As soon as she was able, she followed in her three brothers' footsteps and joined the Royal Canadian Air Cadets with 630 Squadron, in Quebec City, where she obtained both her glider and private pilot licenses.

Maryse soon continued her aviation adventures as a military pilot, joining the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1990. Over her 22-year career, she accumulated over 3,500 hours on three main aircraft types, the Tutor, the Challenger and the Hercules and was posted to ten Canadian Armed Forces bases throughout Canada.

In November 2000, Maryse made history when she was selected, after a grueling competition, to fly with 431 Air Demonstration Squadron, the Canadian Armed Forces' Snowbirds becoming the Team's first female pilot as well as the first female pilot on a Jet Demonstration Team in the world.

Maryse also served as a Qualified Flying Instructor with 2CFFTS, as the Operations Officer on 436 Transport Squadron, and as the Deputy Wing Operations Officer at 3 Wing Bagotville. The highlight of her career was to lead the men and women of 431 (Air Demonstration) Squadron, the Canadian Armed Forces Snowbirds, as their Commanding Officer from May 2010 to July 2013.

The recipient of many awards and an Honorary Diploma, Maryse was recognized in 2005 in the Top 100 as one of Canada's Most Powerful Women by the Women Executive Network and in 2013 she was the recipient of the Elsie MacGill Northern Lights Award. She is the Honorary President of the Air Cadet League of Canada and works at CAE, supporting the RCAF and their crews, as the Canada Region Training Center Operations Manager.