

Loyalist Hall of Honour Inductee: Air Marshall Lloyd Samuel Breadner, CB, DSC

Lloyd Samuel Breadner was born on July 14, 1894 in Carleton Place, Ontario to Samuel Breadner and Caroline Watkins. His father worked a jeweller and silversmith and the family soon moved to Ottawa where they established their business. Following the outbreak of WW1, Lloyd enrolled at the Wright Flying School along with several other former friends from Carleton Place, and was commissioned into the Royal Naval Air Service in December of 1915. He was assigned to the No.3 Naval Air Squadron as a fighter pilot and promoted to Flight Lieutenant in 1916. Breadner was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in 1917. By the end of the war he had shot down 10 German planes and had been promoted to the rank of Major with the Royal Air Force. Following the war he continued as squadron leader in the RAF, and was appointed as the Controller of Civil



Aviation in 1922 and when the Royal Canadian Air Force was formed in 1924, he was appointed as the first commander of Camp Borden and soon given the rank as Wing Commander. Breadner became the Director of the RCAF serving from 1928 to 1932, when he was placed in command of the Air Base in Trenton. He served as Director in Trenton until 1935. Following that time he attended the Imperial Defence College in England, and was made Air Commander in 1938. After the outbreak of WW2, Breadner continued to rise in command. He was appointed as Chief of Air Staff in 1940, then promoted as Air Marshall in 1941, and in January of 1944 became Air Officer Commander-in-Chief of Overseas operations of the RCAF. A family tragedy occurred on November 30, 1944 when his only son, Donald Lloyd Breadner was killed in a training accident while flying in Nova Scotia. Following the end of the war in 1945 Breadner was appointed to the rank of Air Chief Marshall, the first Canadian to obtain this rank. Due to his service in the war, he received the Order of the British Empire, the Belgian Military Cross, Grand Officer's Cross from Poland, Order of the White Lion from Czechoslovakia, the French Legion of Honour, and the Cross of Liberty from Norway. After the war, he retired from the RCAF. Breadner and his wife Mary had only one son, but three daughters. He died in Boston on March 14, 1952 but was buried in Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa. The former elementary schools at CFB Trenton was named for him, as well as a boulevard both in Trenton, and near CFB Uplands in Ottawa. He was a descendant of Quinte area loyalists Asa Richardson UE and William Schermerhorn UE. Lloyd Samuel Breadner was inducted into our Hall of Honour at our September 14th meeting by Brian Tackaberry.