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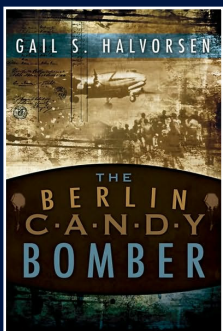
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Wednesday
June 15, 2011
6:00 P.M.

Ogden City Amphitheater
343 25th Street
Ogden, Utah

Col. Gail S Halvorsen, USAF, Retired

Gail (Hal) S. Halvorsen was born 10/10/1920 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He grew up on small sugar beet farms in Utah and Idaho. Through a scholarship, he obtained his private pilot license in September 1941. He joined the US Army Air Corps in June 1942. Flight training was with the Royal Air Force. He was awarded his RAF and US wings in June 1944. He was then assigned foreign transport operations in the South Atlantic Theater during WWII.

He flew the Berlin Airlift from July 1948 to January 1949. From 1952 to 1970 he was assigned to Air Force Systems Command in research, development and operational duties; From 1952-1958 in aircraft and 1958-1970 in the Space Program. Between 1968-1970 he was the Commander of the Vandenberg AFB Satellite Tracking Station where he was charged with converting it from a civilian to a Blue Suit operation.

In 1970 Colonel Halvorsen became the Commander of Tempelhof Central Airport and the 7350th Support Group in Berlin. During this time, Halvorsen was also the Air Force Representative to Berlin until he retired 30 September 1974. At the time of his retirement, Halvorsen had over 8,000 hours flying time in 15 different type aircraft and with over 31 years of service.

In 1976 Halvorsen became the Assistant Dean of Student Life at Brigham Young University. He remained in this position for 10 years. In 1998 he was one of two co-pilots with Tim Chopp on an Airlift support C-54, "The Spirit of Freedom" on a 69 day tour to Europe and Berlin. Since then he has dropped or delivered on the ground, candy, gum, or school supplies to children in Berlin, Bosnia, Albania, Guam, Japan and to school children from the East Coast to the West Coast, USA, including the First Flight schools at Kitty Hawk near the Wright Brothers memorial.

Col. Halvorsen has bachelor and master degrees in Aeronautical Engineering (1952), a Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling (1973) and a year and a half toward a Doctorate in Education. He has been a Guest of Honor on the Tonight Show, Good Morning America, The Rose Bowl Parade, & The New York Parade. He has been Honored as a special guest by multiple Presidents of The United States of America.

He married Alta Jolley of Zion National Park on 16 April 1949 and credits her for most of the good things that ever happened to him. She died just a few months short of their 50th anniversary. They served three LDS missions together and have five children, 24 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren. Gail is now married to his Bear River High School steady of 1939, Lorraine Pace Mitchell. Lorraine has three children, eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. They own a farm in Spanish Fork, Utah and currently live at Lorraine's place in Elephant Head, Arizona.



The Candy Bomber

World War II was over, and Berlin was in ruins. Germany and Berlin had been divided into four sectors, the American, British, French, and Russian. In efforts to take control of Berlin, the Russians blocked off access to Berlin. The Allies began airlifting all food and supplies to the Berliners (Berlin Airlift, "Operation Vittles"). Lieutenant Halvorsen was one of the Airlift pilots. On a trip to Berlin, he shared two sticks of gum with children who were watching the airplanes land. What started as gratitude for his gift of a couple of sticks of gum and a promise of more candy on his next trip, became a promise fulfilled by dropping candy wrapped in handkerchief parachutes the next day. He earned the nickname "Uncle Wiggly Wings." The Berlin airlift helped lay the foundation for the deep and enduring friendship between the people of the United States and Germany.

Awards and Achievements

- ★ The Legion of Merit and other military awards.
- ★ The Cheney Award 1948-49.
- ★ Ira Eaker "Fellow" Award.
- ★ Air Force Sergeants Association "Americanism" Award.
- ★ Service Cross to the Order of Merit from Germany.
- ★ Freedom Award from the City of Provo, Utah.
- ★ The Distinguished Humanitarian Award from the Institute of German American Relations.
- ★ The Eric Warburg Pries.
- ★ The Patriots Award from Brigham Young University ROTC.
- ★ 5 Feb. 2004 received the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Certificate of Merit.
- ★ A school at Rhein-Main, a dining hall at McGuire AFB, carries his name.
- ★ A new FMC 25,000 pound aircraft Loader, used world wide, was named after him.
- ★ Authored & Published his own book, "The Berlin Candy Bomber".
- ★ A children's book, "Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot" by Margot Raven is in its third printing.
- ★ In 2010 Michael O. Tunnell wrote and published the book, "Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's Chocolate Pilot"
- ★ In 1999 he was inducted in the Airlift/Tanker Hall of Fame and in 2000 into the Utah Aviation Hall of Fame.
- ★ A movie for TV is in the pre-production phase. Multiple YouTube Videos and Documentaries have been developed.
- ★ Feb 2002 he led the German Winter Olympic Team into the stadium for the opening and closing ceremonies.
- ★ He soloed in a power parachute in June 2003.
- ★ On the 6th of August 2003 he opened the NYC NASDAQ Stock Exchange.