



### Halvorsen inducted in Utah Aviation Hall of Fame

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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - **Gail Halvorsen**, who earned the nickname of the "candy bomber" during the Berlin Airlift, has been inducted as the 13th member of the Utah Aviation Hall of Fame.

The retired Air Force colonel was honored by the Order of Daedalians during a ceremony at Hill Air Force Base on April 20.

The order is a national organization of military pilots, said spokesman Ed Hawkins.

In June 1948, three years after the end of World War II, the Soviet Union blocked roads leading to the western sector of Berlin cutting off the flow of food and supplies.

In 1948-49, American, French and British airplanes ferried food, coal and medical supplies to 2 million West Berliners blockaded by the Soviets.

Halvorsen struck on the idea of delivering candy too via tiny parachutes for the children. Within the next 15 months, he and his squadron dropped more than 20 tons of candy and gum in small, kid-sized bags.

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