



**The United States Air Force to Open The NASDAQ Stock Market**

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em style="bold) What:

Retired Air Force Col. **Gail Halvorsen**, affectionately remembered for dropping candy bars out of his plane in 1949 during flying missions for the Berlin Airlift and members of the original Tuskegee Airmen and representatives from the U.S. Air Force will preside over the Market Open.

em style="bold) Where:

NASDAQ MarketSite -- 4 Times Square -- 43rd & Broadway --Broadcast Studio

em style="bold) When:

Wednesday, August 6, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.

em style="bold) Why:

This year marks the Centennial celebration of the first flight that took place in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, by the famed Wright Brothers. Since that groundbreaking first flight, civilian and military aviation took off and has been evolving ever since. To celebrate the advances of the past and look to the future of aviation, the U.S. Air Force will open The NASDAQ Stock Market.

em style="bold) Feed Information:

The market open ceremony is available from 9:20 a.m. to 9:35 a.m. on  
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Telstar 6 C/transponder 18. The downlink frequency is 4060 horizontal; audio: 6.2/6.8. The feed can also be found on Waterfront fiber 1623. If you have any questions please contact the NASDAQ Traffic Department at (646) 441-5220.

em style="bold) Photos:

To obtain a hi-resolution photograph of the Market Open, please go to (<http://www.nasdaq.com/reference/marketsite-events.stm>) [www.nasdaq.com/reference/marketsite-events.stm](http://www.nasdaq.com/reference/marketsite-events.stm) and click on the Market Open of your choice.

em style="bold) About Col. **Gail Halvorsen**:

In 1949, while flying missions for the Berlin Airlift, 1st Lieutenant **Gail Halvorsen** noticed a crowd of kids standing at the end of the runway, watching the planes take off and land. He told them to watch for his plane; he'd wiggle his wings and then drop them a surprise. Halvorsen attached some candy bars to little parachutes made out of handkerchiefs, and after take off, he wagged his wings and jettisoned the candy cargo through the Douglas C-54's flare chute. Halvorsen, "The Chocolate Flyer," was a big hit. Other crews began dropping candy as well. Parachutes were made by the dozens, and crew members and their families supplied the candy bars. His kindness encouraged fellow aircrews, fueled the hope of all Berliners, and became the precursor for the global reach of U.S. Air Force humanitarian missions.

em style="bold) About the U.S. Air Force:

In its more than 50 years of existence, the Air Force has become the world's premier aerospace force. Its mission is simple in words, yet awesome in meaning: defend the nation through the control and exploitation of air and space. The U.S. Air Force Centennial of Flight Office oversees the Air Force's participation in events commemorating the centennial celebration of the Wright brothers' historic first powered flight on Dec. 17, 1903.

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