



Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled... as a tribute to the honorable life of Colonel Gail S. Halvorsen, Congress name a facility in honor of Colonel Halvorsen's shining example of service and sacrifice...[and] the Provo Vet Center, shall after the date of the enactment of this Act be known and designated as the "Col. Gail S. Halvorsen 'Candy Bomber' Veterans Center.

COL. GAIL S. HALVORSEN "CANDY BOMBER" VETERANS CENTER DEDICATION CEREMONY

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Plaque In Honor of

This Veterans Center is dedicated to the memory of Colonel Gail Seymour “Hal” Halvorsen, U.S. Air Force. (October 10, 1920 – February 16, 2022)

Halvorsen, from Salt Lake City, Utah, earned the name “The Candy Bomber” by realizing his vision of dropping more than 23 tons of candy to starving German children during the Berlin Airlift from 1948 to 1949.

This mission, called “Operation Little Vittles,” turned the hearts and minds of Berliners causing more Germans to move west for assistance and freedom and had a role in halting Russian expansion. He flew more than 8,000 hours in a praiseworthy career which spanned from 1944 – 1974. This dedication serves to continue Col. Halvorsen’s mission to share the values that have led his life, “... gratitude, hope, service before self, and the power of little things adding up to big things,” and as a reminder of the selfless service embodied by the Utahans who bring their noble skills to uncommon missions in service to their Nation.

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Col. Gail S. Halvorsen “Candy Bomber” Veterans Center Dedication Ceremony

WELCOME

Travis Larsen
*Master of Ceremonies,
Veterans Center Director*

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Maj Tim Clayson

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Abi Williams Kay
Granddaughter of Gail and Alta Halvorsen

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mrs. Serena Allred

REMARKS

Mr. Gary Harter
*Executive Director of Utah’s Department
of Veterans and Military Affairs*

Utah Senator Mike Lee

Marilyn Sorensen
Daughter of Gail and Alta Halvorsen

READING OF THE PLAQUE

Travis Larsen

CLOSING REMARKS

Travis Larsen

