

were many children, mostly toddlers, as well as the infants that would need to be taken out with the cribs. There was no time to try to bundle them into carriers and strollers.

Just then a young Marine came running into the center and asked what they needed. After hearing what the center director was trying to do, he ran back out into the hallway and disappeared. The director thought, "Well, here we are, on our own."

About 2 minutes later, that Marine returned with 40 other Marines in tow. Each of them grabbed a crib with a child, and the rest started gathering up toddlers.

The director and her staff then helped them take all the children out of the center and down toward the park near the Potomac.

Once they got about 3/4 of a mile outside the building, the Marines stopped in the park, and then did a fabulous thing - they formed a circle with the cribs, which were quite sturdy and heavy, like the covered wagons in the Old West.

Inside this circle of cribs, they put the toddlers, to keep them from wandering off. Outside this circle were the 40 Marines, forming a perimeter around the children and waiting for instructions. There they remained until the parents could be notified and come get their children.

The chaplain then said, "I don't think any of us saw nor heard of this on any of the news stories of the day. It was an incredible story of our men there." There wasn't a dry eye in the room.

The thought of those Marines and what they did and how fast they reacted; could we expect any less from them? It was one of the most touching stories from the Pentagon.

It's the Military, not the politicians that ensure our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It's the Military who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag.

If you care to offer the smallest token of recognition and appreciation for the military, please pass this on and pray for our men and women, who have served and are currently serving our country, and pray for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

"GOD BLESS AMERICA"

Arts speech at Pommelo School



To the parents and faculty, you are doing a great job. And now I want to talk to the kids, because they as many people said are the future, you will lead this nation and I want you to remember from my lips a few things. Freedom isn't free, it takes a lot of effort on your part in the future, and one thing I learned is treat everybody as you want to be treated and you will make a great American citizen. I look forward to you handling the torch of liberty in the future and thanking the people who taught you. Thank you third grade class.

December Birthdays

Katherine Frangos-December 20, 1929
Doug Rankin-December-26, 1929
Shirley Andrews December 4, 1936
Judge Donald Foster-December 24, 1920
Lee Auger-December 23, 1929
Howard Swerdlick-December 7, 1936
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Alan Hill December 22, 1966
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