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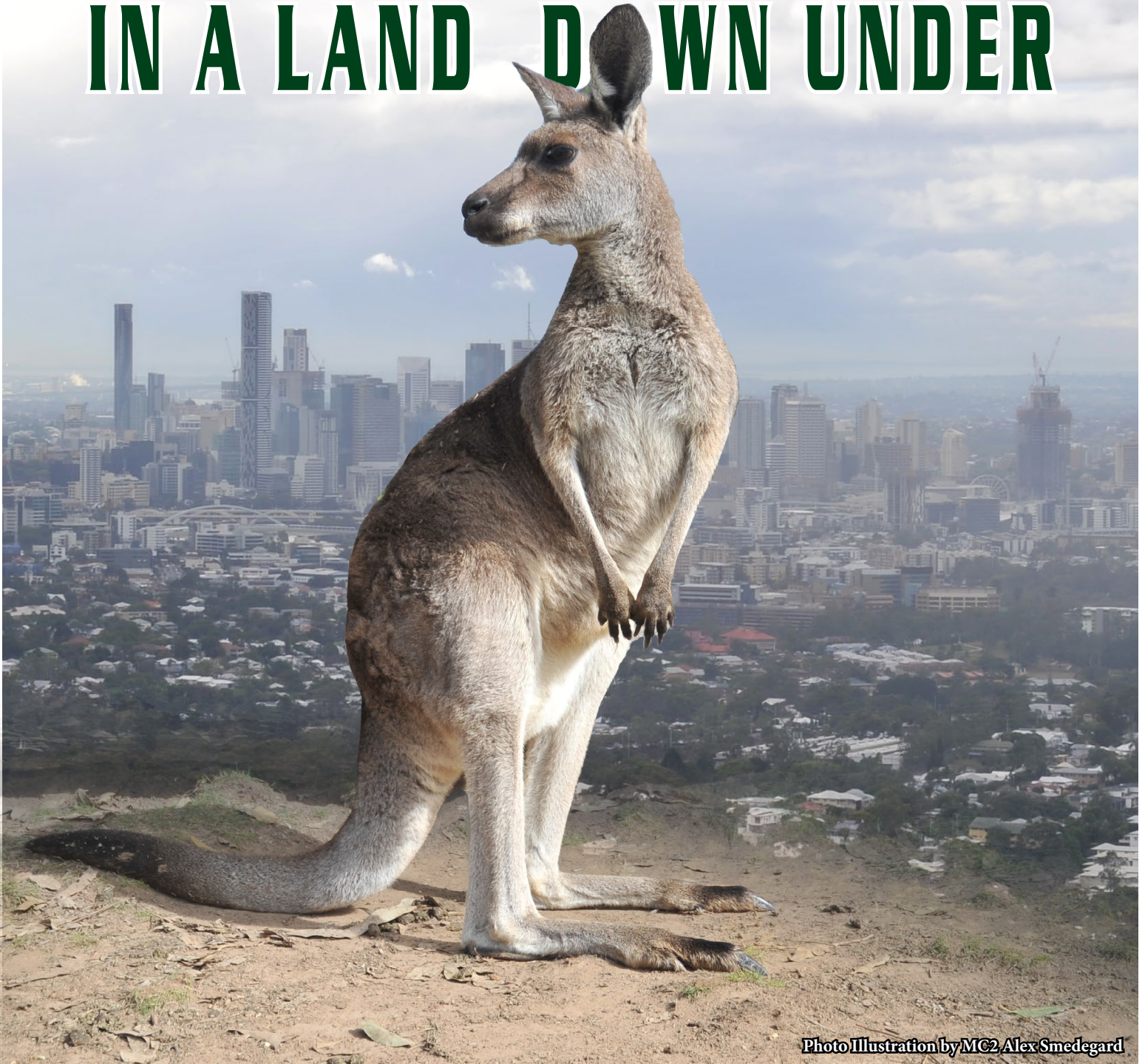


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# GW Arrives in Brisbane, Australia

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The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) prepares to arrive in Brisbane, Australia, for a scheduled port visit. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Michelle Rasmusson/Released)

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA (June 19, 2015) – USS George Washington (CVN 73) arrived in Brisbane, Australia for a five-day goodwill port visit, June 19.

Crewmembers had a chance to tour the area, shop, enjoy liberty and interact with Australian natives while conducting community relations (COMREL) projects and participating in sporting events.

“My crew and I are excited to be here,” said Capt. Timothy Kuehhas, George Washington’s commanding officer. “We look forward to seeing and learning about the culture in Brisbane and Gold Coast. I am looking forward to our crew being actively engaged in a series of COMRELS, and getting some well-deserved rest and relaxation.”

COMREL projects include performing yard maintenance, interacting with children, accompanying hospital

staff on patient visits and performing maintenance on the hull of a WWII frigate housed in a dry-dock.

George Washington’s Morale, Welfare

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and Recreation (MWR) program has also organized a variety of tours and activities in local attractions for Sailors to enjoy during the visit. The scheduled events include a bridge climb, Sunshine Gold Coast tour and a visit to the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. In addition, George Washington is scheduled to play soccer, rugby and basketball games with Queensland police and

emergency services members and provide a special aircraft carrier tour for the Starlight Foundation children and their parents.

“I’m happy to be able to get off my feet, even if only for a few days,” said Aviation Electronics Technician Airman Janae M. Colclough, from San Diego. “This port visit is well-earned and much anticipated. I can’t wait to get out and explore Australia and get exposed to new things. This is my first patrol and I’m grateful for the opportunity to see Australia and all the other places we’ll be visiting on the way to our new home in Virginia.”

George Washington will also host a welcoming reception in its hangar bay and on the flight deck for 350 local guests.

“We are very thankful to our hosts for the support of the community in Brisbane,” said Kuehhas. “I look forward to welcoming our Australian friends on board and I’m certain that our time here will create memories that will last a lifetime.”

George Washington and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5, are on patrol in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility supporting security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. George Washington will conduct a hull-swap with the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) later this year after serving seven years as the U.S. Navy’s only forward-deployed aircraft carrier in Yokosuka, Japan.



# GW Sailors Lend a Hand in Brisbane COMREL

MC3 Loni Lopez, GW Public Affairs

BRISBANE, Australia (June 24, 2015) – Sailors from the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) participated in a community relations (COMREL) project at Mater Hospital in Brisbane, Australia, June 22.

The COMREL project, spearheaded by the ship's Command Religious Ministries Department (CRMD), allowed Sailors to interact with patients from the hospital's children's ward and adult rehabilitation center, and try a host of traditional Aussie breakfast items including Vegemite and toast, meat pies, scones and cakes.

Deirdre Cooke, the rehabilitation coordinator for Mater Hospital, said that this visit played an important role in boosting the patients' spirits.

"The U.S. and Australia have a longstanding history of working together," said Cooke. "The spirit that Sailors bring to events like these only builds upon the camaraderie and friendship we've established and heightens the morale of the patients on their road to recovery."

Eighteen Sailors had the opportunity to share stories with the patients and learn a little bit about the local culture.

"This was a chance for me to learn about Australian culture—their way of thinking and all the aspects that encompass their nation," said Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Alondra Mendoza from Whittier, Calif. "Being able to share all of this knowledge with them as an ambassador for the Navy has been an unbelievable experience."

According to CRMD, community relations programs work to better the relationships between the host nation and the U.S. Navy by earning public support and understanding of operations and missions.



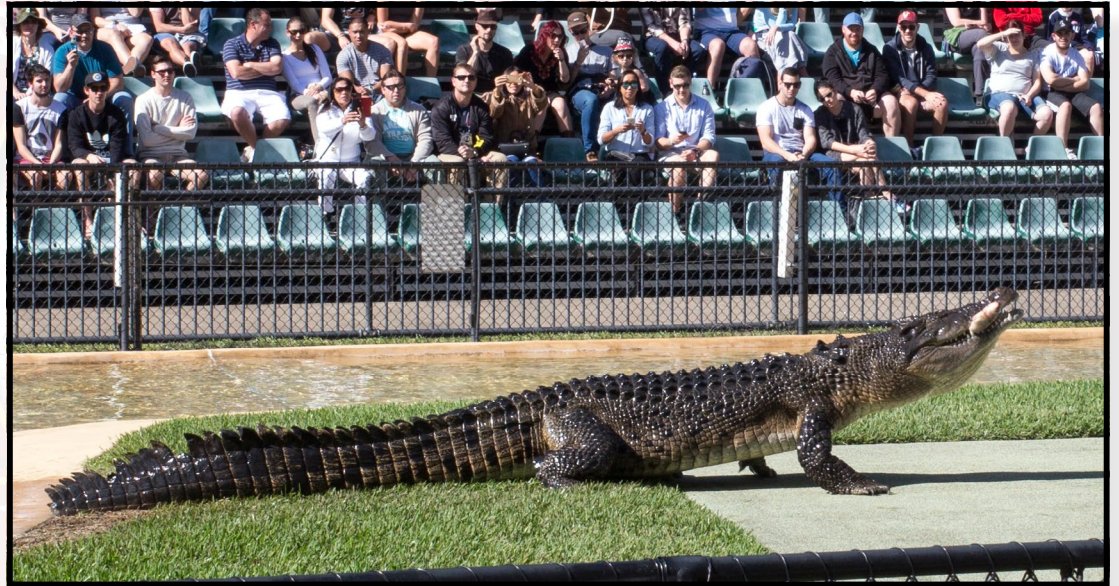
Sailors from USS George Washington (CVN 73) pose for a photo in front of Mater Children's Hospital in Brisbane, Australia during a community relations event. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Loni Mae Lopez/Released)



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SPIRIT OF FREEDOM  
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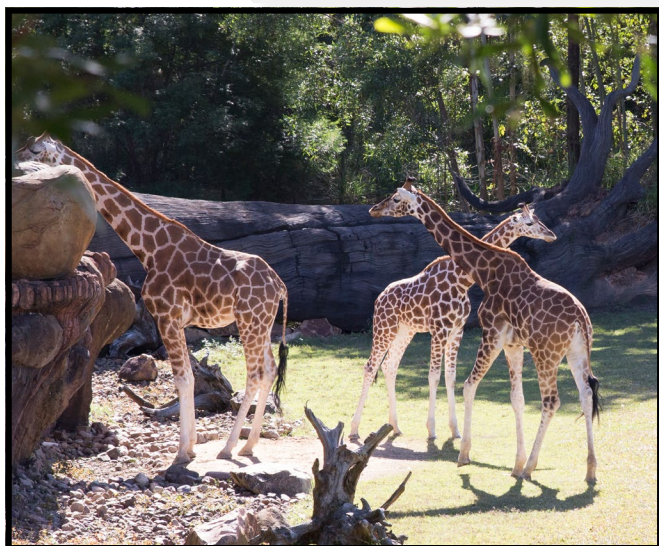


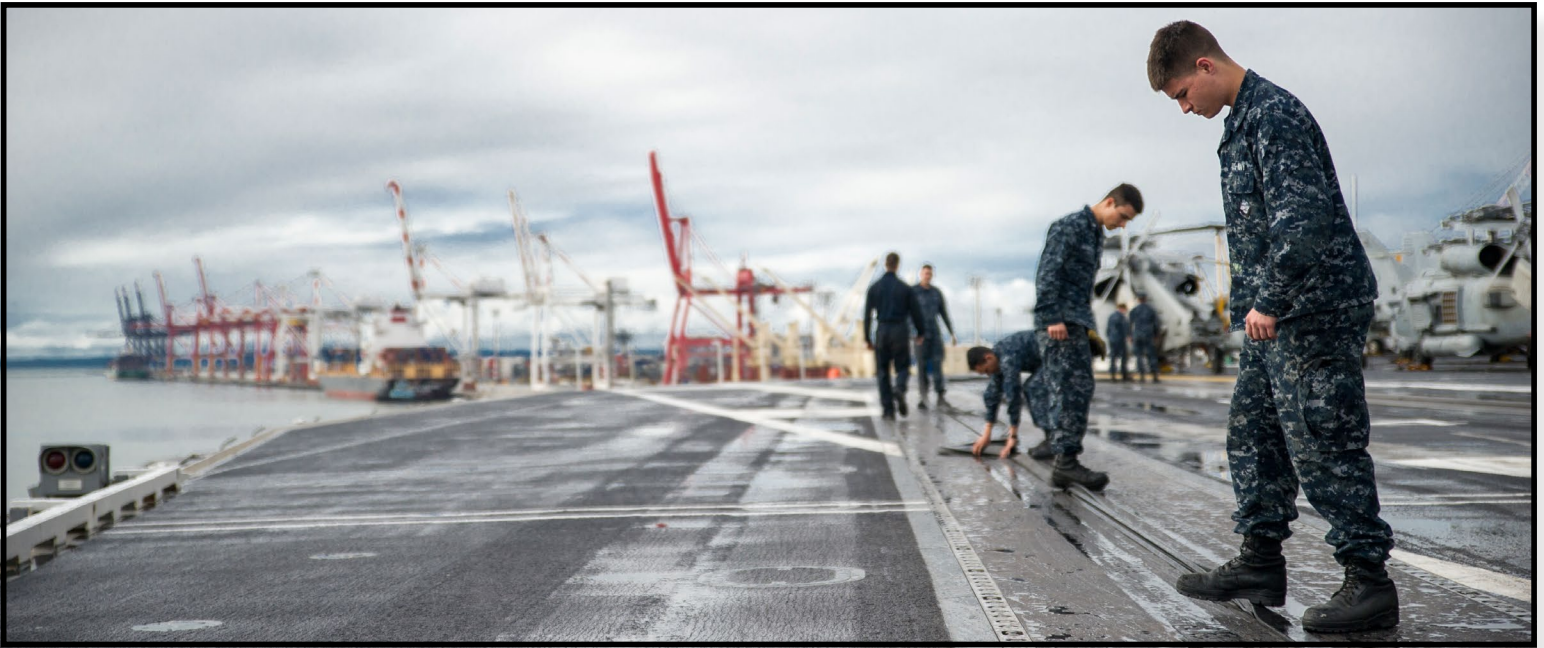
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# Australian Wildlife

CVN 73





# GW Carrier Strike Group Enhances its Alliance with Australia

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BRISBANE, Australia (June 24, 2015) – The George Washington Carrier Strike Group (GWCSG) departed Brisbane, Australia after a five-day goodwill port visit, June 24.

GWCSG includes the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73), its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5, and the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90).

“It was a great honor to be here in Brisbane,” said Rear Adm. John Alexander, commander, Battle Force 7th Fleet. “There is not one Sailor in the Fleet who doesn’t want to come to Australia. We all love to come here and we all would love to come back. We have a great connection with the people of Australia along with our common history and background. Thank you for opening your city to us.”

During the visit, George Washington held a welcoming reception for Australia’s leaders and local nationals to include Ambassador John Berry, U.S. ambassador to Australia, Hugo Llorens, U.S. Consul General, George Brandis, attorney general for Australia, and the Honorable Jackie Trad, Queensland deputy premier.

“Our thanks go to the men and women of the United States and Australia who are serving today. The proud tip of the spear of freedom,” said Berry. “For 239 years the U.S. has been dedicated, ever-moving persistently forward, toward an ever more perfect union at home and toward a better world for all, with the help of our allies and our friends. America is grateful to have you [Australia] shoulder to shoulder with us every step of the way and through every military engagement since WWI. Long may this alliance last and prosper. May God bless all those who serve in uniform, may God bless the United States and Australia.”

The reception highlighted the celebration of the upcoming 239th birthday of the United States and its



The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) departs Brisbane after a goodwill port visit. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Chris Cavagnaro/Released)

intertwined history with Australia.

“Capt. Kuehhas, you and the servicemen who serve aboard this wonderful ship are very welcome. On behalf of the Prime Minister of the people of Australia, I bid you welcome to this fine city,” said Brandis. “We gather tonight to welcome our friends and allies and to share a celebration of the 239th birthday of a nation who has done more to advance the cause of freedom than any nation has done in whole history of mankind.”

Brandis added that the inspiration of our longstanding alliance is not simply in the need to protect the people but also founded in the ideals of liberty. Hence, it was appropriate to celebrate with George Washington—a ship named after the founder of the U.S. nation and is also named “the Spirit of Freedom”.

The five-day visit allowed Sailors to compete in four sporting events with local teams, explore 14 local attractions and lend a hand in six community relation

(COMREL) projects.

During a COMREL project to the Queensland Maritime museum to assist in the restoration of the Royal Australian Navy River-class frigate HMAS Diamantina (K377), Ian Jempson, museum chief executive officer, said “we greatly appreciate the support and assistance provided to us from GW. This young group of Sailors helped us complete some very physically demanding tasks on our warship and we welcome them back whenever the seas should take them here.”

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### Thursday's Movie Schedule

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Channel 4</b>                    | <b>Channel 6</b>                         |
| 1000 August: Osage County           | 1000 The Giver                           |
| 1200 Inside Llewyn Davis            | 1200 Four Christmases                    |
| 1400 Need for Speed                 | 1400 Lilo & Stitch                       |
| 1600 The Grand Budapest Hotel       | 1600 Charlotte's Web (2006)              |
| 1800 Mr. Peabody & Sherman          | 1800 The Mighty Ducks                    |
| 2000 CALL J-7123 TO REQUEST A MOVIE | 2000 CALL J-7123 TO REQUEST A MOVIE      |
| 2200 Non-Stop                       | 2200 Up                                  |
| 2400 CALL J-7123 TO REQUEST A MOVIE | 2400 CALL J-7123 TO REQUEST A MOVIE      |
| 0200 Labor Day                      | 0200 Shrek                               |
| 0400 That Awkward Moment            | 0400 The Wizard of Oz                    |
| 0600 Vampire Academy                | 0600 Outbreak                            |
| <b>Channel 5</b>                    | <b>Channel 7</b>                         |
| 0900 Dawn of the Planet of the Apes | 0900 Dumb & Dumber To                    |
| 1100 Malcom X                       | 1100 Penguins of Madagascar              |
| 1300 Braveheart                     | 1300 Birdman                             |
| 1500 Titanic                        | 1500 Horrible Bosses 2                   |
| 1700 The Green Mile                 | 1700 The Pyramid                         |
| 1900 The Matrix                     | 1900 Night at the Museum: Secret of Tomb |
| 2100 SAILOR OF THE DAY CHOICE       | 2100 CALL J-7123 TO REQUEST A MOVIE      |
| 2300 L.A. Confidential              | 2300 Exodus: Gods & Kings                |
| 0100 CALL J-7123 TO REQUEST A MOVIE | 0100 CALL J-7123 TO REQUEST A MOVIE      |
| 0300 The Fugitive                   | 0300 The Best of Me                      |
| 0500 Wag the Dog                    | 0500 John Wick                           |

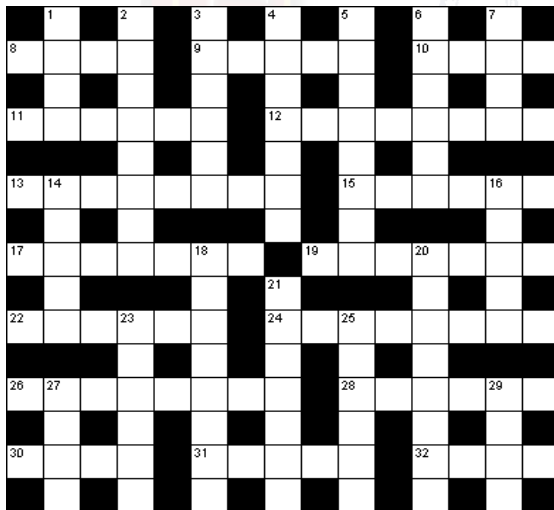
## Today in Naval History

June 25, 1917

During World War I, the first Navy convoy of troopships carrying the American Expeditionary Forces arrives in France. The 14 troopships depart on June 14 from New York, which includes the 5th Marine Regiment.

## Fact of The Day

The sloth moves so slowly that green algae grows in the grooves of their hair.



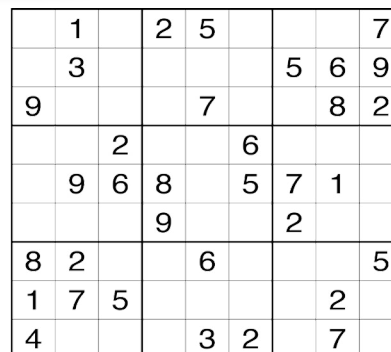
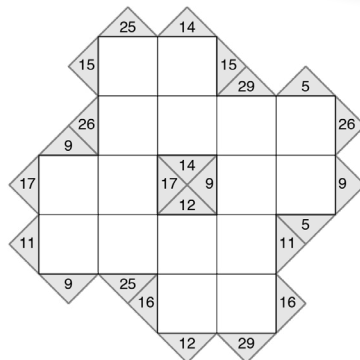
#### Across

- 8. Brand of credit card (4)
- 9. Suffuse (5)
- 10. Absent Without Leave (4)
- 11. Kindling (6)
- 12. Contradiction (8)
- 13. Plentiful (8)
- 15. Digit (6)
- 17. Support (7)
- 19. An inert medication (7)
- 22. Interference (6)
- 24. A church (8)
- 26. Tenderfoot (8)
- 28. Sour (6)
- 30. Bulwark (4)
- 31. Inuit boat (5)
- 32. Affirm (4)

#### Down

- 1. Flightless bird (4)
- 2. Intermediate platforms in a staircase (8)
- 3. Mountain range (6)
- 4. Hard rubber (7)
- 5. Vindictive (8)
- 6. Shabby (6)
- 7. Corporate image (4)
- 14. Promote (5)
- 16. Jewish scholar (5)
- 18. A formal expression of praise (8)
- 20. Relating to chemistry (8)
- 21. Leave a train (7)
- 23. Take on (6)
- 25. Easily irritated (6)
- 27. Distinctive flair (4)
- 29. Wild goat (4)

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