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National Launch of Sudoku for Heroes



Simon Weston OBE with Kim Roscoe and Charles Morgan of M&R Puzzles

On Tuesday 15th March at the Victory Services Club in London, the well-known Falklands Veteran, Simon Weston OBE officiated at the national launch in London, of an intriguing new puzzle book called **Sudoku for Heroes**.

Simon, who wrote the foreword to the book is helping to promote it as the publishers, M&R Puzzles from Bodmin in Cornwall, are donating 35p to *Help for Heroes* from every book sold. The book is available online, by order from all good book shops across the country, as well as numerous Military Museums connected with any of the 3 armed services.

During the launch, Simon paid a glowing tribute to all the forces' medics, field hospitals and air-crews who now routinely get severely injured personnel swiftly back to British hospitals following catastrophic injury in Afghanistan. It was thanks to these people who via their medical skills, available technology and military hardware are able to provide the critical ongoing support that 30 years ago when Simon himself was injured in the Falklands War was not available and where many died from their injuries.

Today, people are nursed back, if not to complete recovery, at least to a state where they are able to enjoy a reasonable quality of life. This is where Help for Heroes comes in because after discharge from hospital and recovery centres, they will need ongoing help and support for the years ahead, particularly those who have lost limbs or been blinded.

Simon commented "The thing that *Help for Heroes* has done so brilliantly is to act as a spotlight for all the military charities and keep the need for support for the veterans and the injured high on the agenda. For all these young men and women that we send out to do an incredible job, it can seem like a thankless task. We need to make sure that they know that by every book sold, that people back here do give a damn."

He continued "If we stop now, we fail all of them and I don't think that any of us back here has the right to fail any one single person that we send out in the name of this Country. Whether you agree with it or not, the fact is that they joined-up for a career, they didn't join-up for a conflict. We must, out of sheer honour and loyalty, make sure that they have the very best available, so that their lives have the opportunity to be as complete as mine has turned out to be."

So, how did **Sudoku for Heroes** come about? It is actually part of the Sudoku Word Search series that M&R Puzzles have been producing over the last 3 years. The idea came from former civil servant Charles Morgan, to combine 2 classic puzzles into one – Sudoku with letters as opposed to numbers leading to a Word Search puzzle. The really unique aspect to the puzzles is that each book is themed around a particular subject and constructed around a missing 9-letter word that can be found with the help of a suitably cryptic clue once the puzzle is complete. With Charles' MoD background and close connection with the Forces, a military theme seemed an obvious choice for a puzzle book to benefit Help for Heroes and so **Sudoku for Heroes** was born.

Soon after Charles started designing these puzzles, he teamed up with IT Consultant Kim Roscoe and they have steadily been developing the concept and are now the joint authors and publishers of the Sudoku Word Search series.

Kim added " The launch of **Sudoku for Heroes** is the culmination of 3 years hard work and I would like to thank the thousands of puzzle fans who have enjoyed our previous titles and have helped to make it happen.

We are quietly confident that **Sudoku for Heroes** will be successful and help generate a substantial amount of money for *Help for Heroes*. I have been particularly impressed by the fact that some Military Museums have opted to donate all of their profits from sales of the book to *Help for Heroes* on top of the 35 pence we as publishers have already committed. This means that each book generates around £1.50 when sold in this way and so can lead to a really substantial total being raised for the charity."

For a free sample puzzle and to obtain your copy of **Sudoku for Heroes** online, visit the website at www.sudokuwordsearch.co.uk.

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