

Dominion Energy, University of South Carolina Announce Scholarship Grant in Memory of Army ROTC Graduate



CAYCE, S.C. (Nov. 13, 2023) – A grant from the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation will support a scholarship at the University of South Carolina in memory of U.S. Army Maj. Edward J. Murphy, a distinguished graduate, and the only Army ROTC graduate from the university to be killed in the line of duty. He died in a helicopter crash in April 2005 during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Awarded by the University's Army ROTC, the Major Edward J. Murphy Memorial Scholarship Fund provides financial incentives to cadets who exhibit qualities of leadership and academic excellence. In June 1986, Murphy enlisted in the Army and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in June 1991 after earning a bachelor's degree in history from the university.

Dominion Energy President Keller Kissam presented the \$25,000 check to Murphy's gold star wife, Barclay Murphy, and his daughter, Elliott Murphy, during the annual Salute the Troops event on Nov. 11. Continuing their father's legacy of obtaining higher education in the Palmetto State, Elliott received her undergraduate degree from the College of Charleston and two master's degrees – one from The Citadel and the other from Francis Marion University. Murphy's son, Luke, is a sophomore Army ROTC cadet in The Citadel's Distinguished Scholars Program.

"We are so very humbled and honored to recognize the ultimate sacrifice of Maj. Murphy and all gold star families," Kissam said. "This scholarship will serve as a living memorial to honor the next generation of military leaders whose very lives embrace the ideals exhibited by Maj. Murphy – that there are times that the torch of freedom only shines through the ultimate sacrifice of those brave souls willing to give their last full measure."

The presentation took place during USC's annual Salute the Troops game honoring military service members.

"This donation and support from Dominion Energy will have a profound impact on Army Cadets at USC for years to come," USC Veterans and Military Affairs Executive Director Jared Evans said. "This scholarship to memorialize Maj. Murphy's service and sacrifice was the result of the passion of Felicia Torres and her work with Ms. Murphy. Dominion Energy is well known throughout the community for championing a variety of military and veteran efforts, and we're grateful for their contribution to the Major Edward J. Murphy Memorial Scholarship Fund."

Dominion Energy was also presenting sponsor of Seats for Soldiers. The program provides active-duty service members and their families the ability to attend a USC home football game during the 2023 season. The com-

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Give Thanks for ALL Things

"To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything."
– Thomas Merton

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." – Bible (Colossians 3:15-17)

"Our reality is shaped by the emotions we feel.... So, it is not what is going on around us that matters nearly as much as what is going on within us." (Dr. Margie Warrell) There is so much going on in the world today, so much that troubles us, that we have a hard time identifying any reason to be thankful. Perhaps the reason we feel that way is because our focus is horizontal.

As has been noted here in the past, if our vision is always on ourselves (primary) and on those around us (secondary), our world is very distorted. If we and those around us are all we have, then our resources for success are very limited. Nevertheless, keeping our vision horizontal for the moment, it helps to make a list of those good influences in our life.

Perhaps we have good relations with our family members. They aren't perfect, but we aren't either. We can share in the joys as well as the sorrows. We so often count the things we don't like, and ignore the good. Focusing on the good tends to change our attitude, and it may have a positive impact on others as well.

More important, however, is recognizing the vertical component in our life as well. We and our fellow

humans aren't left all on our own. We have a God who loves

us and cares for us. That doesn't make all

our troubles go away, but God gives us an eternal focus that brings us closer to reality. As we are told in the Bible (Colossians 2:17), this world is a "shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ."

Sometimes it helps to remember that past events that were troublesome have had a positive impact on our lives. We may find that what was "meant evil against me, God meant it for good." (Romans 8:28). I am reminded that my muscles don't get stronger when they are at rest. They grow when they are challenged. As I grow older, it becomes more evident that what I don't use, I lose. That is true with our

relationships with others. The more we focus on what is good in those around us, the more that "good" seems to grow.

That's especially true in our relationship with God. If we set Him aside most of the time, His ability to influence our lives is very limited. One of the best ways to be thankful in all things is to give back to others. All of us are aware of retired people who decided they had worked enough in their life and they were going to relax and do nothing. Frequently, death soon followed.

We are designed by God to "do," and that doing includes not just for ourselves but for others. Jesus' last words to us before He ascended included the command to "go," not "sit." The Harvard Medical School published an article entitled "Giving thanks can make you happier." You can also find similar reports from many other sources.



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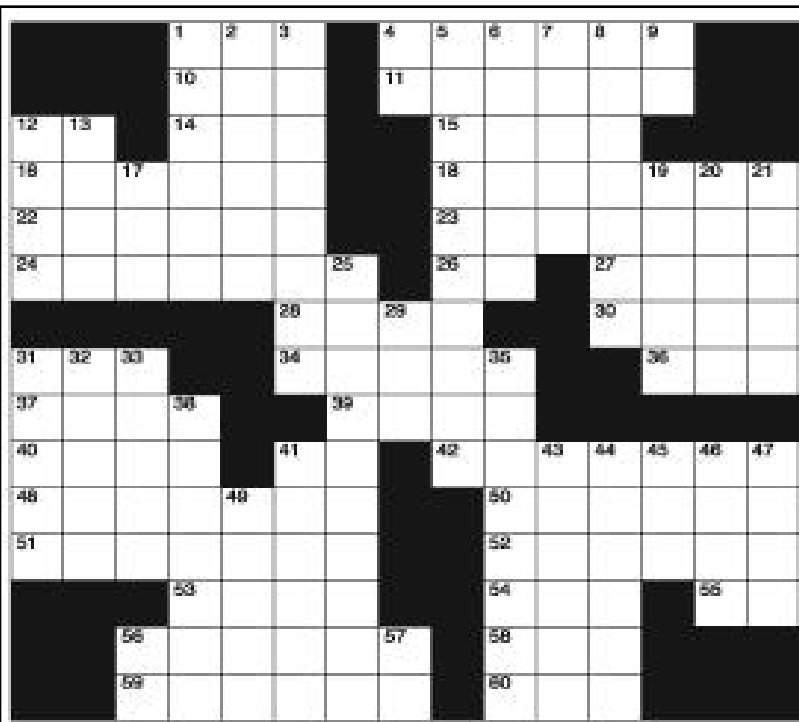
Quoting from Harvard, "In positive psychology research, gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness. Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships."

No matter what your circumstances at this time in your life, you are able to read this column. The best

way to find happiness for ourselves is to stop looking for it. Instead look for ways to help others be happy. If we contribute to others, we reap significant benefits ourselves.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

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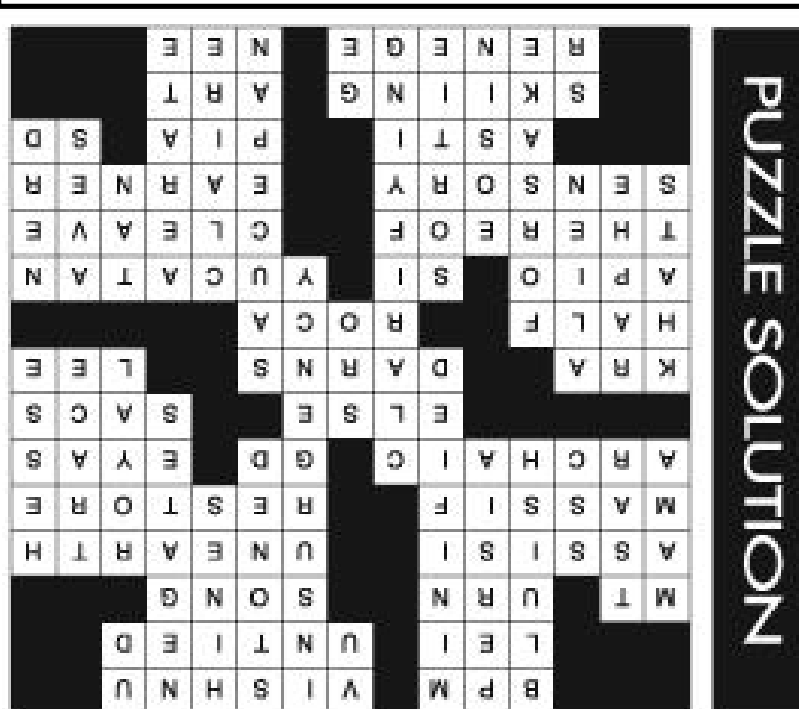


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Beats per minute
- 4. Hindu deity
- 10. Polynesian garland of flowers
- 11. Not chained to
- 12. Metric ton
- 14. Tall, rounded vase
- 15. Musical composition
- 16. St. Francis of ___
- 18. Discover the location of
- 22. Compact group of mountains
- 23. Mend
- 24. Not current
- 26. Atomic #64
- 27. Young hawk
- 28. Or ___
- 30. Pouches
- 31. Southern Thailand isthmus
- 34. Mends with yarn
- 36. Downwinds
- 37. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
- 39. Italian archaeological site
- 40. Cold appetizer
- 41. Yes
- 42. Peninsula
- 48. Of that
- 50. A way to divide
- 51. Relating to the physical senses
- 52. One who makes money
- 53. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 54. Inconvenience (abbr.)
- 55. South Dakota
- 56. Snow sport
- 58. The products of human creativity
- 59. Change mind
- 60. Born of

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Similar to the color of a clear unclouded sky
- 2. Former name of Iran
- 3. Made smaller
- 4. Type of meter
- 5. Revolt
- 6. Killed with rocks
- 7. Gregory __, US dancer
- 8. Nullifies
- 9. Home to the Flyers
- 12. Female parent
- 13. Pre-1917 Russian emperor
- 17. Outsourcing (abbr.)
- 19. Regal
- 20. Line
- 21. Hermann __, author of "Siddhartha"
- 25. Clearing up
- 29. No seats available
- 31. Leaves of an Arabian shrub
- 32. Groove in organ or tissue
- 33. Not of this world
- 35. Cooking device
- 38. Forget
- 41. Operational flight
- 43. Actress Danes
- 44. Poke holes in
- 45. A way to discolor
- 46. Shouts of welcome or farewell
- 47. Pharrell's group
- 49. Red fluorescent dye
- 56. Jr.'s dad
- 57. Electronics firm



PUZZLE SOLUTION



SUDOKU

8	4			6				
	2			5				
				3	9			
4			8					9
	3	7					8	
	1				3	4		
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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

4	3	5	2	4	3	1	6	9
1	6	9	4	7	6	1	8	5
7	4	3	6	2	1	5	9	8
6	1	8	3	6	5	2	7	4
5	6	3	7	9	4	2	1	8
6	3	7	9	4	2	1	8	5
4	5	2	8	1	7	6	3	9
5	7	6	2	3	8	9	1	4
3	2	1	4	5	9	8	7	6
8	9	4	1	7	6	3	5	2

ANSWER: