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Town of Cowpens, South Carolina

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**Mighty Moo Festival Kickoff — Honoring America's 250th Anniversary**

Good morning, Cowpens!

What a beautiful week for the Mighty Moo Festival. On behalf of our town, the Mighty Moo Committee, the many volunteers, our veterans, and the families who have kept this tradition alive for decades, I want to welcome you to one of the most meaningful celebrations in South Carolina.

This weekend, we honor the legacy of the **USS Cowpens (CVL-25&CG-63)**, the brave men and women who served aboard her, and the spirit of a community that never forgets its history. This festival is more than an event — it's a homecoming. It's a reminder that small towns can have big hearts, big stories, and big pride. And this year, our celebration carries even more weight. As America approaches its **250th anniversary**, we are reminded of the courage, sacrifice, and determination that built this nation. From Daniel Morgan's providential strategy to the heroes of the USS Cowpens, to the men and women serving today — the American story is still being written, and Cowpens is proud to be part of it. Look around this week. Neighbors, families, children, veterans, visitors — all gathered to celebrate what makes this town special. This festival is a chance to cheer, to smile, to commemorate, and to show the world that the spirit of Cowpens is alive and strong.

To our veterans and the former Cowpens crew members who join us each year: thank you. Your service is the reason this festival exists, and your courage is the reason we celebrate.

To our parade participants: thank you for your creativity, your time, and your enthusiasm. And to everyone filling the streets this week: thank you for keeping this tradition vibrant.

So, let's kick off this festival the way Cowpens knows how — with excitement, gratitude, and a whole lot of Mighty Moo spirit. As we march toward America's 250th year, let's celebrate not just where we've been, but where we're going together. Ladies and gentlemen, enjoy the parade, enjoy the festival, and welcome to Mighty Moo!

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**Sincerely,**  
**Mayor Jarred S. Spencer**  
Town of Cowpens, South Carolina

