

# June 13-15, 2024

## 47<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Mighty Moo Festival



The Mighty Moo Festival and Reunion is held each Father's Day weekend in June.

Over the past 47 years, this event has provided a reunion opportunity for crewmembers of the USS Cowpens CVL25 who served in WWII and those from the USS Cowpens CG63, which is currently serving in our US Navy's fleet. Each year the veterans and their families return to our town to celebrate their history and service to our country. Today, the festival is a two-day event that boasts a variety of fun filled events and patriotic support!

Join us as we celebrate our history and honor the veterans of not only our two USS Cowpens vessels, but all veterans of the United States military.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Food Concessions    Amusement Rides    Entertainment**

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>**

- 6:00 p.m.                    USS Cowpens Crewmen vs. D3 Youth Sports @ Red Moore Field**
- 7:00 p.m.                    The Cowpens Depot – Book Release/Author Talk with:  
   Nathan Canestaro  
   Author of “The Mighty Moo” The USS Cowpens and her epic World War  
   II Journey from Jinx Ship to the Navy’s First Carrier into Tokyo Bay.  
   Followed by book signing.**
- 7:00 p.m.                    Gospel Singing at Veterans Park**

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>**

- 8:30 a.m.                    GOLF TOURNAMENT at “Woodfin Ridge”  
   Check In begins at 8:30 a.m., Shotgun starts at 9:30 a.m.  
   Lunch will be provided. Proceeds will benefit District Three BLESSINGS  
   IN A BACKPACK, Broome High School Athletics, and American Legion  
   Post #125  
   For more information:  
   Travis Linder 864-706-1165  
   Derrick Foster 864-809-0659**
- 5:00 – 11:00 p.m.                    CARNIVAL RIDES at the Depot – wrist band \$25.00**
- 8:00 – 11:30 p.m.                    STREET DANCE Featuring:  
   Dirty Grass Soul – Country, Bluegrass, and Southern Rock & Roll  
   Whether it is the hint of bluegrass, outlaw country, or rock & roll you  
   hear in each song, their sound is uniquely Dirty Grass Soul. Dirty Grass  
   Soul is sure to offer a little something for everyone. Be sure to visit  
   [www.DGSoul.com](http://www.DGSoul.com) and follow or “like” Dirty Grass Soul on Facebook.**

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>**

### ***ALL DAY ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE***

**Food Concessions    Amusement Rides    Entertainment**

**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**ARTS & CRAFTS – Located on Brown Street (beside Veterans Park)**

**9:30 a.m. - CHILDREN'S PARADE:** All youngsters (under 12) are invited to hop on their bicycles or be pulled along in a wagon, ride their tricycles, strollers, as part of a "walking parade" designed just for them! Children get your moms and dads to help you decorate your unit in red, white, and blue to honor our veterans. There will be a contest and winners will be announced during opening ceremonies in Veterans Park, around 11:30 a.m. following the Veterans Walk of Honor. The lineup begins on Greenway Drive at 8:45 a.m., and the parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. The parade will end at Cowpens Coffee and Creamery. Judges will be viewing each unit for their originality, patriotic colors, and creativity. **ATTENTION PARENTS:** Please be on Foster Street to pick up your child immediately after this event.

**10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.**

**Cowpens Historical Depot and Museum  
Opened courtesy of Cowpens Historical Committee and  
American Legion Post #125**

**10:00 a.m.**

**MIGHTY MOO PARADE**

*For more information call Teresa Carter at 864-463-3201 x 2*

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

**CARNIVAL RIDES at the Depot – wrist band \$25.00 each period  
There are two-time periods – check with ticket booth.**

**11:30 a.m.**

**OPENING CEREMONIES – MAIN STAGE VETERANS PARK**

- **Master of Ceremonies – Heather Chadwick**
- **VETERANS WALK OF HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE –**
- **\*Veterans from all branches of service are invited to participate in our WALK OF HONOR. Please gather at the Event Stage immediately after the Parade.**
- **Welcome by Mayor Jarred S. Spencer**
- **Singing of National Anthem – Heather Chadwick**
- **Special Introductions-Dignitaries**

**1:30-3:00 p.m.**

**Karaoke (show off your talent)**

**8:00 - 11:30 p.m.**

**STREET DANCE** Featuring: Back 9 – "A variety of music like no other." Back 9 is a true variety band. Their music consists of Motown, Beach, Pop, Funk, Southern Rock, and Country. It is this variety of music that makes Back 9 so popular. Back 9 consists of 10 players: 2 guitars, bass, keyboard, drums, saxophone, 2 trumpets, a trombone, and lead singer. Be sure to visit [www.back9music.com](http://www.back9music.com) and follow or "like" edwardbacknine on Facebook.

**9:30 p.m.**

**FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

**For More Information:** Visit [www.thecowpensmightymoo.com](http://www.thecowpensmightymoo.com).

Also, “like us” on Facebook at The Mighty Moo Festival.

**Please be respectful of our beautiful Veterans Park.  
Keep ALL food and drinks outside its perimeters.**

**ONLY CERTIFIED SERVICE PETS ALLOWED AT FESTIVAL EVENTS  
AND VETERANS PARK**