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President Olsen's Inaugural Message April 24, 2010

I would like to thank you for the faith you have put in me to make me the President of MOSSAR. We all come from different backgrounds, different socio-economic backgrounds and employments, but we have one thing in common. Love of country, the faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic.

We believe in standards and pledge to defend them. It reminds me of a story of the Standard Bearer at the battle of Cowpens, I believe. The Standard Bearer, in the heat of the excitement, lead a bunch of soldiers out across the field and up the hill, the captain, inquiring, sent a runner a quarter of a mile up to the Standard Bearer with a message, bring the standard down to the line. The Standard Bearer sent a message back to the Captain; bring the line up to the Standard. How true it is in life. We must keep the line up to the

standard as Sons of the American Revolution. An example just happened this past week. A federal judge in Madison, Wisconsin said a National Day of Prayer was unconstitutional. This was reported in all the papers. Slowly, the attitude builds and becomes accepted by the citizens. It seems as in this example, it would be prudent, that we, as citizens defending the constitution, should write the editors and inform

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MEET NEW MOSSAR PRESIDENT CLIFFORD C. OLSEN, II

Cliff was born in Cook County, Illinois. As a youngster his family moved to a farm near Russellville Missouri. Cliff graduated from Russellville High School in 1976. At that time, he started his community service, as the Bicentennial Chairman of Russellville, and serving on the Cole County Bicentennial Commission and Cole County Communities Council.

He graduated the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1980 with a BS in Economics and a BA in Public Administration and Political Science. During his college years, he worked on Jimmy Carter's first presidential election, worked on two of Richard Ichord's congressional races and worked in his office in Washington DC.

After graduating, Cliff worked in various elections and in construction. In 1987, he married Andrea and her three sons, Tony, Chris and Sean. He now has a beautiful two year old granddaughter. He started in the insurance business in 1987. Selling Insurance locally, and travelling around the country, selling group insurance to larger companies employees such as Enron, Walgreens and the New Jersey Auto Dealers. During this time, he earned his securities license, and in 1991 went into business on his own, stopped traveling, and spent more time with his family. He earned his Certified Financial Planner designation and formed his Investment Advisory business, in which he continues to be very active. He served four years on the Jefferson City Council and is currently running for State Representative.

Cliff has always been active in organizations. He is a Past Master of his Masonic Lodge and continues to be an officer; he is also a Past High Priest of Royal Arch. His favorite group though, is the Boy Scouts of America. Joining as an adult leader after marrying, he became a Scoutmaster and served for 11 years. He continues to serve after 24 years, sitting on Five Rivers District Eagle Boards, as an Assistant District Commissioner, and with his troop. He has been through Wood Badge training and has been on four Philmont Treks. He is active with the Catholic Committee on Scouting and has been in charge of many Scout Retreats at Starkenburg. He assisted in setting up two Venture Crews and served as an Advisor for three years. He has been awarded the Silver Beaver and the St. George Awards.

With the Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, Cliff was a re-enactor with the St. Charles Corps of Discovery, presenting educational opportunities at their stops along the river.

He applied for membership to the SAR in 2003 in Christopher Casey Chapter. He served as their Eagle Scout Chairman and was President for three years. He has served MOSSAR as Chairman of the Knight Essay Contest, the Missouri Medal Committee Chairman and serves on 2013 Congress Committee. He has served as First Vice President and Executive Vice President of MOSSAR..