



A Few Words from the President

I mentioned warmer weather in our last issue, and the corresponding tourist season has started with a bang. Just two weeks into the season and we've had five visitors already! And more to come, with tourists visiting on May 6th and of course Our Number One Fans, the Millers, coming on May 10th and 11th. Founder's Day is just around the corner, on May 26th, and we will possibly advertise in the local community and if that happens we expect quite the turnout - on top of our usual friends and family that make it a special holiday every year. And let us not forget the upcoming State Visit of Prince Arthur of the House of Homestead, visiting us on May 25th. It's going to be a busy month in the Republic of Molossia. Come and see us!



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First Tourists Of The Year

28 April 2013 XXXVI

On Sunday, 28 April 2013 XXXVI, Molossia was visited by our first tourists of the year. At about 10:24 AM MST Honey, Paul and Tobias arrived in our nation, traveling from nearby Dayton, Nevada just a few Imperial Nortons from Molossia. Honey is a great fan of Molossia, and missed an opportunity to visit us last Founder's Day. She made up for it this year, wasting no time in scheduling a visit as soon as our tourist season opened. For about two hours the trio explored Molossia, escorted by His Excellency, The President, The First Lady and Chief Constable Alexis. They saw all the sights of our nation, including Red Square, Norton Park and the Tower of the Winds. The President as usual regaled our visitors with the story and culture of Molossia, ensuring they had an enjoyable visit. Honey took notes, to be used in an upcoming college class presentation about our nation, which His Excellency will be attending as well. Finally, their curiosity about the world's smallest republic satisfied, Honey, Paul and Tobias returned to the United States, destined for adventures elsewhere. We are happy as always to have hosted these three intrepid travelers and fans of Molossia in our nation and wish them well on their future pursuits.



TV Visit

26 April 2013 XXXVI

On 26 April 2013 XXXVI The Republic of Molossia was visited by Adam Rasmussen and Brad Horn, a news team from KTVN Channel 2, a television station in nearby Reno, Nevada. This marks only the third time that local media has come to our nation, the others being in 2008 XXXI when a reporter from the Reno Gazette-Journal toured Molossia and last summer when Jen Wahl from KRNV Channel 4 visited us. At exactly 1:39 PM MST, Adam and Brad arrived in Molossia and immediately set about seeing and filming the sights. After filming our great nation for about a half hour, the duo sat down with His Excellency, The President for a short interview in the Presidential Office. Following that, The President answered a few more questions in Red Square, and then Adam and Brad interviewed The First Lady, getting her views on life in the world's smallest sovereign republic. This wrapped up the visit, and after the requisite photo op, Adam and Brad returned to the US, to file their report about Molossia. The story is tentatively planned to air in early May. We wish the valiant news team well and thank them for coming to visit our nation.



Late Winter Storm

8 April 2013 XXXVI

The weather in the High Desert can be unpredictable in spring and never was that more evident than on Monday, 8 April 2013 XXXVI. After a sunny but windy weekend the weather turned foul late Sunday evening, the winds increasing and bringing with them snow. Throughout Sunday night and the first half of Monday, the cold winds howled around Government House and snow covered the ground, blowing horizontally across our nation. By midday the winds had died, the sun reappeared and the snow was gone, bidding farewell to this sudden storm, with a promise of warmer weather around the corner.



One important note, this was all US weather that invaded our tiny country. Molossian weather is always sunny and 23 C (75 F) but our close proximity to the US means their nasty weather blows across our border, too often!



New Navy Ships

The Molossian Navy is proud to announce the launching of the newest vessels in our tiny fleet, the M.S. Spindrift and the M.S. Manatee. The Spindrift and the Manatee are kayaks, obtained by our Navy for their portability and especially for their maneuverability. The overriding mission of our Navy has always been exploration, and these vessels are ideal for that purpose. On 7 April 2013 XXXVI, His Excellency, The President and Chief Constable (and sailor) Alexis christened the Spindrift and Manatee at the Santa Maria River Park, on the Carson River, not far from the Molossian Home Territory. Because of inclement weather, the inaugural voyage of these two fine vessels will be delayed until later in the year. At this time, an expedition along the Carson River is planned as well as wargames by the Molossian Naval Infantry; both missions will involve the Spindrift and Manatee, as well as our two other kayaks, the Platypus and Bandicoot. We are proud to add these two fine vessels to the mighty Molossian Navy and look forward to them serving us well for many years to come!



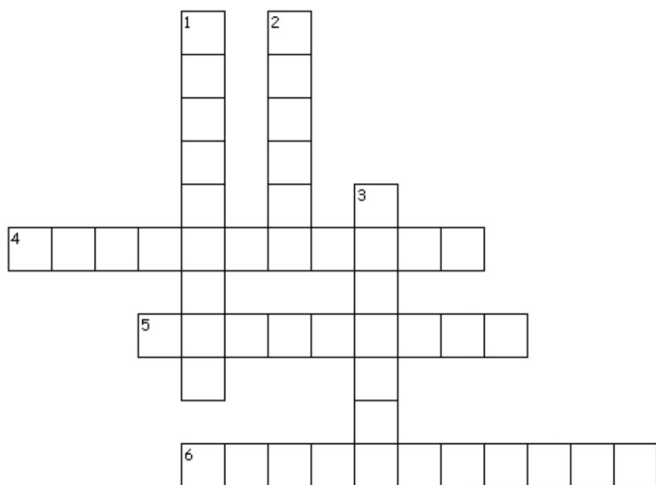
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Visit the website of the Molossian Navy at <http://www.molossia.org/navy/index.html>

Reddit Crashes Us!

On 25 April 2013 XXXVI the Republic of Molossia was a featured topic on Reddit. Reddit is a social news and entertainment website where registered users submit content in the form of either a link or a text ("self") post. Other users then vote the submission "up" or "down", which is used to rank the post and determine its position on the site's pages and front page. Our ranking ended up as 2032, with 667 comments. However, the popularity jumped up the hits on our website from the usual 12,000 a day to 231,000 on Friday the 25th. This, in turn, crashed the server upon which our website is hosted, leaving us offline for two days until it was fixed. Thankfully, we were back online on Monday morning, no worse for the wear. The price of fame!

Molossia Crossword



Across

- 4. The Valora is based on...
- 5. Original name 1977, Grand Republic of...
- 6. Still at war since 1983 with...

Down

- 1. Patron Saint of Molossia..
- 2. Nothing Ventured, Nothing...
- 3. Our newsletter and national animal are both the...

- Answer key:
- 4. Cookie Dough
- 5. Vuldstein
- 6. East Germany
- 1. Expedtus
- 2. Gamed
- 3. Mustang

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May Calendar

- **Founder's Day - May 26th** Founder's Day is Molossia's principal National Holiday. This day remembers the date, in 1977, when Molossia (then known as Vuldstein), first became a nation. Usually celebrated with a general get-together of all Molossians and a barbecue, all in Norton Park.
- **Kathy Baugh's Birthday - May 5th**

THIS MONTH'S WEATHER

Molossia's weather is always gorgeous, with plenty of sunshine and temperatures year-round of 22° Celsius (72° Fahrenheit). However, our little country is surrounded by the US and they are so close, their awful weather invades frequently! So the weather report reflects both our weather and theirs.

	Molossia	US
Maximum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	29° C / 84° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-1° C / 30° F
Average High Temperature	22° C / 72° F	17° C / 63° F
Average Low Temperature	22° C / 72° F	1° C / 34° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	6.1 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

Hello everyone! I hope you all are enjoying spring as much as we are here in Molossia! I love May!

I just found out that May is Young Achievers/Leaders of Tomorrow Month. Being a part of the micronational community, I feel that I experience this holiday every month. As I look around at new emerging micronations or ones that have been established for a while I see the same thing in common, a young leader with a great idea. A person that isn't afraid to dream and try new things. Someone that stands up and says let me try this my way. That is what it means to be a young achiever. A Future Leader of Tomorrow can be a leader today.



I'm very proud of each of you that puts him/herself out there and does something a little different than your friends. If you don't have a micronation of your own but have always wanted to, what's stopping you? Do it! If that isn't your passion, no problem! Pick something, anything. Make a plan and take action! Press play, not pause on your life. If you're not a Young Achiever yet, become one!

For those of you who are, I say thank you. Thank you for being an example that its ok, thank you for just being you! I can't wait to see what you guys do next!

Thank you all and until next time...

Lead on great leaders! :)