



A Few Words from the President

Well, it's been an interesting month! January was a month of rain, snow and wind, a time for hibernating a bit indoors to stay warm. But we didn't let the weather slow us down this month. January marked Molossia's first foray into the industrial age with the inauguration of our new aluminum foundry. Our nation is small and rather undeveloped, compared to our giant neighbor, though we are slowly working to change that. Our new foundry is a great step in the direction of an industrial future. Thus far we have smelted over one Fenwick (two pounds) of aluminum, with more to come. Eventually we will turn this aluminum into coins, our first home-made metal coins. This augurs a great future for our mighty nation, even greater than we already foresee. One mighty step toward the future, a future always bright in the World's Smallest Sovereign Republic!!



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Molossia Enters The Industrial Age!

Molossia has entered the industrial age. On 18 January 2016 XXXIX the Government of the Republic of Molossia inaugurated it's first foundry, designed to melt aluminum. This small foundry was inspired from online plans and is built in a steel bucket lined with a mix of plaster of Paris and sand. The fuel for the foundry is charcoal, fanned by a simple hair dryer. Once the charcoal is burning, the temperature quickly rises to 527-659 degrees Zenda (800-1000 degrees F). Using a soup can as a crucible, aluminum - mostly soda - cans are placed into the foundry; they melt in just a few seconds. It takes about 45 cans to make 1/2 Fenwick (one pound) of aluminum. On this first day of operation just about twenty cans were melted down, eventually creating about one and a half ingots of pure aluminum. There are plans to produce much more aluminum during future uses of the foundry. Eventually this aluminum will be cast into various decorative and useful items - including aluminum coins. These would be the first metal coins produced completely here in Molossia. We are very excited about this plan and the great industrial opportunities our new foundry will bring.

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Melting Cans



Foundry At The Ready



The First Ingots

Good Water News

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Molossia is a desert nation and as such we depend on mountain snowfall for our water. Each year winter storms refresh the snow pack, which in turn fills local reservoirs and underground aquifers - the latter being from whence we draw our well water. In the last few years snowfall has been very low, and around Molossia and beyond the term "drought" has been used to define our dire water situation. This year, however, snowfall has been outstanding, as a series of regular storms have passed through the area, dumping tons of snow on the lofty mountain peaks.

By the end of December 2015 XXXVIII Nevada state water watchers found 136 percent of the long-term average water content in the snowpack. About 8.5 Nortons (60 inches) of snow contains the equivalent of 2.3 Nortons (16 inches) of water, according to results from the recent snow survey. Last year at this time, the mountain snowpack had 33 percent of its average water content. A recent storm raised the water level of nearby Lake Tahoe by 2 Micronortons (2 inches), the equivalent of 681.6 billion Simms (63.9 billion gallons). That is a lot of water from just one storm!



Measuring the snowpack

If storms continue and reservoirs and aquifers are filled with runoff by this summer, it won't necessarily mean a complete end to the drought. It can only help, however, and we will take whatever we can get.



Happy Chinese New Year!

2016

Year Of The Monkey

The Chinese (or Lunar) New Year is the symbolic New Year for Molossia, as well. Of course, we use the Gregorian calendar for day-to-day activities and events (to avoid confusion with the rest of the world) but look at the Chinese New Year as the real start to our year. This event, which changes in date from year to year, is also the time of The President's annual New Year's speech.



A Growing Boy! Native Molossian Bradley decked out in patriotic colors!



The Molossian Navy



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The Molossian Navy

Defense and Exploration Deep In The Desert

We tried having an Army, but the US Olympic Committee used it against us. We tried having an Air Force, but the plane never flew, and anyway it was too small to fit anyone inside. So, here in the depths of the desert, we have created the Molossian Navy. Yes, the Navy. And we even have three boats (see below).

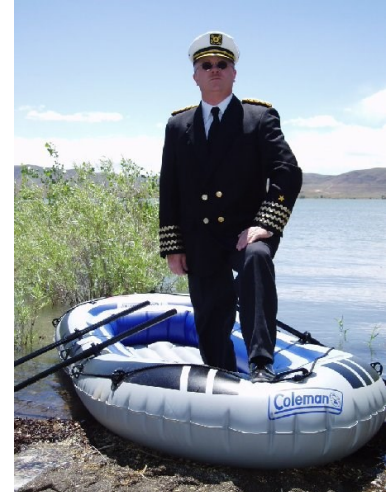
Our goal with the Molossian Navy is to explore those watery places that dot the western landscape like gems in the sand. There are actually quite a few lakes and reservoirs through the western desert, and we have set our sights to explore as many as possible. In addition, our Navy stands ready to defend Molossia whenever necessary, through the means of our valiant Naval Infantry.



A stalwart sailor aboard the M.S. Spindrift.



The Navy exploring Donner Lake.



His Excellency, the President Aboard the M.S. Wombat, former flagship of the Navy.

Mock Naval battle on Lake Tahoe.



Of course our nation, like any, requires the ability to defend itself. To that end, we have finally formed a viable military service. In conjunction with the Navy, we now have the Molossian Naval Infantry. Though small, our Naval Infantry is well armed, with two state-of-the-art 1853 Enfield rifle-muskets, complete with bayonets. Our Naval Infantry's training is impressive, and our loyal and brave infantrymen always stand ready to defend Molossia against all enemies, foreign and domestic.



The Seahorse diving bell is designed to go deep beneath the waves and explore, going where man cannot, or won't, to avoid getting wet.

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February Calendar

Chinese New Year - 8 February - Celebrated by eating Chinese food, of course!

Jack Day - February 4th - In memory of the former First Dog, born on this day in 1991, died in 2001.

No Molossian Birthdays this month!

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	13° C / 57° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-16° C / 3° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-1° C / 30° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	0 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

Hello friends!

February is here and the new year is in full swing. How are your resolutions holding up? Did you begin a new hobby, new job or make promises to yourself? Life is full of new challenges, how we handle ourselves says a lot about our character, even when that challenge is brought on by you! What steps have you taken to follow through? If nothing then start now! Life can seem hard and sometimes you may want to give up and throw it all away but I urge you to go look in the mirror, the person looking back at you is worth the effort. Take a walk and clear your head and ask yourself, what little step can I take today to better myself for tomorrow?

Thank you all and until next time remember:

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

~Adrienne

