



A Few Words From The President

I watched a movie set in Hawai'i the other day and it made me think about my own home and how much I love our desert land. Hawaii is an exotic place of jungles and waterfalls, and very different from our arid landscape. There it rains often and a lack of water is hardly a concern. Here, water is scarce and the flora and fauna have adapted to that scarcity. Here the wind howls and dust storms climb high in the sky, and on hot days dust devils, looking like tiny tornados spin across the dry lake beds. When we do get rain, the hard ground can often not absorb it fast enough and flash floods rush through the normally dry creek beds - what we call washes. Where volcanic mountains covered with lush vegetation are the norm in Hawai'i, here we have vast, empty valleys bookended by pinyon-covered mountains, over and over as you pass through this Great Basin Desert. The few rivers are marked by cottonwood trees, green in summer, gold in fall, which point to the life-giving water below. Yes, our desert may seem forbidding, but it is beautiful and alive, and it is our home.



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Molossia Eyes Expansion

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The Home Territory of Molossia is but 2054 Square Royal Nortons (1.3 acres/.5 hectares) in size, a tiny enclave surrounded by the United States. But now our nation is eyeing extension beyond our current borders. Just to the west of Harmony Province lies a plot of land which may soon become a part of our nation. Exactly the same size as Harmony Province, this land recently became vacant upon the passing of its owner, and our nation wishes to purchase it - and through this process absorb it into Molossia. This would increase Molossia's area by 2054 Square Royal Nortons (1.3 acres/.5 hectares) in size, and the total area of our nation, including Desert Homestead Province and Farfalla Colony, to 19,974 Square Royal Nortons (12.6 acres/5 hectares). It is intended that this new territorial acquisition will be residential in nature, and not necessarily open to visitors. In addition, once this land is added to our nation, it will be separated from Harmony Province by a brief section of Mary Lane, which may require an understanding between Storey County and Molossia regarding its status and use.

This planned territorial accession may take some time to achieve fruition, although it will almost certainly be within the current year, 2021. In the meantime, our potential new province beckons just across the road, the future of Molossia!



The Planned New Province.

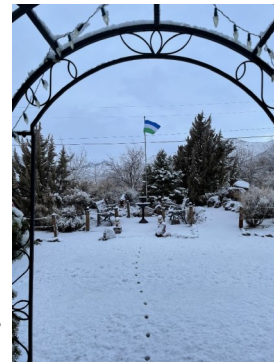


The Planned New Area Of The Home Territory.

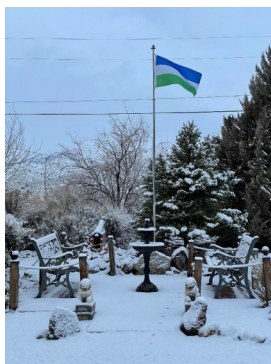
Winter Storms Slam Molossia

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Winter weather in Molossia can be a highly unpredictable experience and tends to happen in waves. Sometimes we will go through a long dry spell, with close to warm temperatures, followed by storms of varying intensity - and followed by another dry spell. These storms may involve rain or snow, the latter rarely lasting more than a day or two. On occasion, however, a truly powerful storm will arrive and remind us what winter in this mountainous area can truly be like. After a long dry spell, the final week of January 2021 XLIV brought a quick series of these storms. It began, as most of our storms do, with powerful winds rolling in, blowing away anything not tied down. Following the winds came rain, and after the rain temperatures dropped and the snow arrived. Over the course of an evening on 19 January 2021 XLIV, a blanket of white settled on Molossia and the surrounding valleys, burying us under several Micronortons of snow. On Tuesday the weather briefly cleared, then the snow returned Wednesday night, into Thursday morning, 28 January. The snow then turned again to rain, followed by more snow Thursday night, with Molossia awakening Friday morning to another winter wonderland. Between the rain and snow, with temperatures slightly warming soon, there is always a real possibility of flooding in the local rivers and streams. In years past winter floods have devastated nearby towns in the US, themselves generally unaccustomed to much moisture. It is hoped that flooding will not happen this year; in the meantime the Molossian Weather Service will remain vigilant, monitoring our volatile, ever-changing weather.



Republic Square After The First Storm



Winter Wonderland



Snowy Norton Park

Red Square Turned White



Molossian Naval Academy Turns 20!

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The Molossian Naval Academy is our online educational institution, dedicated to training in matters of naval military science, emphasizing leadership, tactics and military history. Founded originally as the Molossian Military Academy in 2001 XXIV, it became the Molossian Naval Academy in 2005 XXVIII, around the time of the founding of the Molossian Navy. Naval Academy students engage in a course of study designed to enhance their knowledge of military leadership, and graduate prepared to lead in today's modern naval environment. Over the past 20 years, the Academy has graduated 344 individuals, many of whom have gone on to obtain Honorary Commissions in the Molossian Navy. Our Navy now counts 61 Admirals, 22 Commodores and 44 Captains among the Honorary Naval Commissions granted to our Naval Academy Graduates. We are quite proud of the Molossian Naval Academy and the knowledge it has spread throughout the past two decades to so many people. Here's to another 20 years of the Molossian Naval Academy - and beyond!



Around Molossia...

Wild Animals In Molossia!

Molossia is home to many wild animals, including scorpions, snakes, lizards, spiders, coyotes, ground squirrels, rabbits, falcons, ravens, hawks, eagles, owls, bats, horned toads and more. Here are a few that we've caught on film:



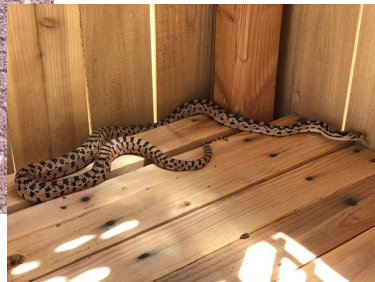
A rattlesnake visited Red Square a few years ago and was escorted out of the country!



Wild Horses visit all the time!



A tarantula passing through Norton Park.



A Gopher Snake visited the Constabulary!

Capitalizing on a popular meme, Bernie hangs out in Molossia!



The Molossian Navy



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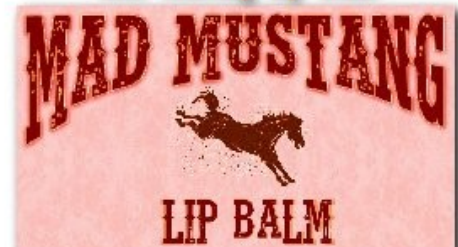
Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

Tours of our nation are currently planned on the following dates only:

- Saturday, 24 April 2021 XLIV at 10:00 AM PST (First Tour of the Year)
- 22 May 2021 XLIV at 10:00 AM PST
- 19 June 2021 XLIV at 10:00 AM PST
- 17 July 2021 XLIV at 10:00 AM PST
- 14 August 2021 XLIV at 10:00 AM PST
- 11 September 2021 XLIV at 10:00 AM PST
- 9 October 2021 XLIV at 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour of the Year)



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February Calendar

Lunar New Year - 12 February 2020 (Year of the Ox) - Celebrated by eating Chinese food, of course!

Mardi Gras - 16 February 2020 - Celebrated with New Orleans food, a party and maybe even a parade!

Chocolate Mint Day - 19 February - The President's favorite flavor, celebrated by eating ice cream, of course!

No Molossia Birthdays This Month!

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	17° C / 63° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-8° C / 16° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	2.2° C / 36° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	10.66 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

Hello all! February is here, can you believe it? Think about all of us last February, eager to see what the year would bring not knowing what we were in for. Is that how we are this go around, or are we a little more jaded? I'm sure we are all cautious in our thinking but we still have to hope, make plans for the future and put some of that behind us. Did you make resolutions last month? If so, how are they holding up? If you didn't, then why not do it now? What are some things you can commit to? It doesn't have to be losing weight or eating better, maybe this year it's a mindset. Like, plan 3 fun things to look forward to this summer or walk at the river once a week or work on a short story. Let's look into things that can reset your mind and soul. Life is taxing enough. Let's be kind to ourselves and others and try to use this time to heal and repair.

Thank you all and until next time,

Enjoy the sun, nature's best medicine.

~Adrienne

