



### A Few Words From The President

Well, the New Year is upon us! Normally I reserve comments about the new year for the Lunar New Year, taking place in February, but 2020 has been such a tumultuous year, I think it deserves special attention on the occasion of its demise. With COVID, political unrest in the United States, wildfires, several notable deaths and of course murder hornets, 2020 was kind of a mess and we all hope its departure will usher in a much better 2021. We like to look to the future here in Molossia, and to do so with positivity. Molossians tend to be optimistic, rather than pessimistic, and we always hope for positive events to take place. Such is the case now. The future is unwritten, and we each day seek to write that future in the best ways possible. Especially, I hope that the government woes taking place over the border will pass and that our neighbors will learn to get along with each other instead of being polarized. I hope for our own nation to grow and prosper, and as always, I hope for peace, prosperity and tranquility for all. Happy New Year, everyone!



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## COVID Strikes Molossia!

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A year after the Coronavirus first reared its ugly head in China, the disease finally arrived in Molossia. The First Lady became the first Molossian to test positive for the virus, followed by Molossians Jacques and Noah, in distant New Hampshire. Although the First Lady was largely and fortunately asymptomatic, she was quarantined, along with His Excellency, The President and the Chief Constable within the borders of our nation for ten days. Jacques and Noah had cold-like symptoms, and have recovered well. At this point there are no other known cases of the COVID virus in our nation, and we certainly hope that it stays that way. In the meantime, the Molossian Territorial Health Service remains vigilant in the face of this health threat, with the goal of banishing the virus and keeping all Molossians safe and healthy!



**Stay Healthy Molossia!**  
 TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE PRECAUTIONS:

**SOCIAL DISTANCING**  
 Keep 6 feet away from others wherever possible and respect others' space.

**HAND HYGIENE**  
 Wash your hands frequently with soap, scrubbing for at least 20 seconds and rinsing well.

**FACE MASKS**  
 Wear non-medical face coverings where social distancing is not possible.

By working together we can keep each other safe and healthy.

# Molossian Christmas

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Christmas is a major holiday in Molossia and a time of great tradition as well as festivity. Christmas is one of the most important holidays in the Republic of Molossia, and is traditionally a three-day celebration. The holiday actually begins on December 24th with Christmas Eve activities, including watching movies, baking (and eating) cookies, drinking eggnog and playing board games as a family - and the tradition of decorating Molossia's Christmas Crane. Christmas Eve dinner consisted this year of our traditional meal of lasagna, reflecting the Italian heritage of Molossia. The evening ends with the reading of the "Night Before Christmas", and with tracking the arrival of Santa Claus using NORAD's website. Christmas morning, December 25th, begins early, as the family descends upon the hoard of presents beneath the National Christmas Tree. Once the frenzy of present-opening ends, Christmas



The National Christmas Tree in Republic Square



The National Christmas Tree in Government House

breakfast is made and served, and afterward everyone settles down to enjoy their gifts. Christmas dinner takes place in the later afternoon, largely wrapping up a lazy, relaxing day. Christmas dinner this year was turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and all the trimmings. Boxing Day is on December 26th, and is the last day of the Christmas holidays. While no special events take place, dinner on Boxing Day is traditionally Shepherd's Pie, in keeping with the British theme of the day. This wraps up the Christmas events for the year, with everyone eagerly looking forward to the distant arrival of next year's Christmas.



The Presidential Christmas Card



Molossia's Traditional Christmas Crane, Decorated for the Holiday.



## 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)

May 2021 XLIV date TBD

June 2021 XLIV date TBD

July 2021 XLIV date TBD

August 2021 XLIV date TBD

September 2021 XLIV date TBD

October 2021 XLIV date TBD (Last Tour of the Year)

Don't horse around with dry lips, get Mad Mustang Lip Balm!

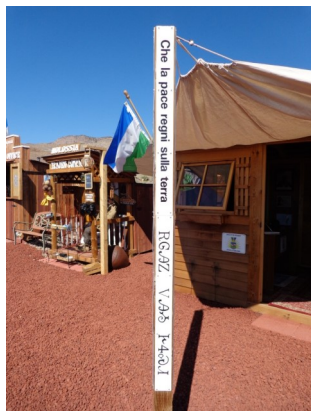
**MAD MUSTANG**

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# Around Molossia...

## Molossia's Peace Pole

The Peace Pole is a monument that displays the message and prayer May Peace Prevail on Earth on each of its four sides, in eight different languages. There are more than 200,000 Peace Poles in 180 countries all over the world dedicated as monuments to peace. They serve as constant reminders for us to visualize and pray for world peace.



The Peace Pole is a way to bring people together to join in a network of peace consciousness that is emerging all over the world. Every Peace Pole proclaims the prayer May Peace Prevail on Earth in the language of the country and often several other languages as well. The more than 200,000 Peace Poles around the world are on all continents, in every country you can think of.

Molossia's Peace Pole stands in Red Square. Its message is in eight languages. English is represented as the native language of Molossia. Spanish is represented as the native language of many residents of the surrounding Northern Nevada area, as well as throughout the western United States. Chinese is represented because it is the native language of 1.2 billion people. Italian and German are represented because of the Italian and German heritage of most Molossians. Cherokee is represented also because there is some Cherokee heritage among most Molossians. Russian is represented because it is the native language or second language of millions of people in Russia and Central Asia. Esperanto is represented because it is the second language of Molossia and because it is a bridge language between all peoples, and in itself represents peace.

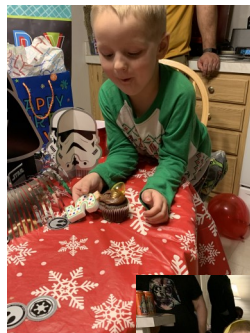


Snowy day in Molossia, with our flag and National Christmas Tree.



Feliĉan Esperanto-Tagon! Esperanto estas la dua lingvo de Molossia kaj ekzistas ekde la fondo de nia nacio en 1977 I. Esperanto estas konstruita lingvo, origine kreita en 1859 de

Doktoro L. L. Zamenhof. Ĝi estis desegnita por esti "ponto" lingvo inter kulturoj, por forigi la bezonon lerni la lingvon de alia nacio por komuniki. Anstataŭe oni lernus Esperanton, same kiel la alia homo, konservante sian propran lingvon, tamen povante bone komuniki kun aliaj. Ĉi tie en Molossia, signoj kaj pli estas en Esperanto kaj ni komunikas kun ĝi ĉiutage. 15 decembro estas Esperanto-Tago, aŭ Zamenhof-Tago, kiam ni festas nian duan lingvon. Aliĝu al ni kaj lernu Esperanton!



Birthday Time! Molossian Bradley Harrison turns 5!



BE A PART!

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## January Calendar

### Emperor Norton I Day - January 8th

In memory of Emperor Norton I, Emperor of the United States and protector of Mexico.

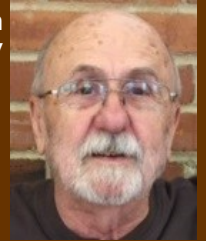
### Molossaphone Day - 28 January

A day to laud our National Musical Instrument, the Molossaphone!

### 6 January - Mary Mercurio's Birthday



### 26 January - Tom Baugh's Birthday



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 / 56° 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	21.1 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

## *The Last Word With The First Lady*

We made it! 2021 is here and many people are quite relieved. Some people had a terrible year in 2020 and some had a great year. It's hard not to feel bad if you were one that had a great year when looking at how terrible some people's year has been. Many people lost a loved one, their job or home. Nothing can replace the people that are no longer with us. Hopefully, we all learned some lessons throughout this time that we can bring with us into this new year. Lessons like grace, kindness, understanding, gratitude, preparedness, sanitation, frugality and mindfulness. These are all things that will help us make 2021 a fantastic year. I really hope that I see people so happy to be able to go places and do things and that they do them with respect and kindness. Just treating a cashier kindly and leaving them with a smile can be a pleasant part of their day. Adding positivity to someone's day is a great goal for this new year. It's easy. These little things will be what matters. Be positive, be happy, be helpful, and make a difference. I think we have seen that this past year, let's bring it with us as we enter 2021.

~Adrienne

