



# The Mustang



## A Few Words From The President

The New Year is upon us! Well, technically it is, since the ceremonial Molossian New Year celebration is actually held on Chinese New Year, also in January. But setting that aside, the new year is here and we have much to look forward to. This year promises a State Visit to the Republic of Slowjamastan, not one but two MicroCons, one in Chicago and the other in Belgium, another Misfit Regatta (and our annual Broomball tournament) and of course a new tourist season. We may start tourist season with a State Visit, and perhaps another as the year goes on. Along with all that we will of course have a naval mission or two during summer and perhaps a long overdue rocket launch as a part of our ongoing space program. Steam power should arrive in Molossia during spring, as we continue the “past is future” project for Molossia’s infrastructure, begun in November. We are always looking for new and interesting things to do in Molossia, so who knows what else might happen. All in all it looks to be another busy year for us here in the World’s Smallest Sovereign Republic!



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## Molossian Christmas

26 December 2022 XLV

Christmas is a major holiday in Molossia and a time of great tradition as well as festivity. Traditionally a three-day celebration, the holiday actually began on December 24th with a big Molossian family gathering. Molossians gathered from miles around in Government House to exchange gifts and engage in family revelry, including playing Christmas games. Christmas Eve dinner consisted this year of ham, turkey and all the usual fixings. The evening ended with the reading of the "Night Before Christmas", a Molossian tradition. Christmas morning, December 25th, began early, as the family descended upon the pile of presents beneath the National Christmas Tree. Once the present-opening ended, Christmas breakfast was made and served, and the rest of the day was spent relaxing, enjoying gifts and watching movies. Boxing Day is on December 26th, and is the last day of the Christmas holidays. While no special events usually take place, dinner on Boxing Day is usually shepherd's pie, Molossian style. This wrapped up the Christmas events for the year, with everyone eagerly looking forward to the distant arrival of next year's Christmas.



The National Christmas Tree In Republic Square.

The National Christmas Tree Inside Government House.



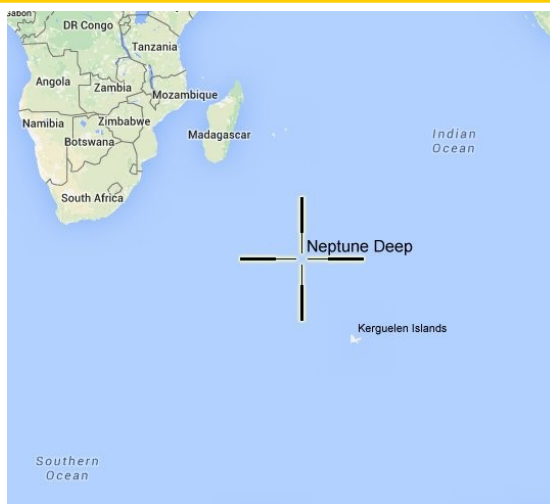
Molossia's Traditional Christmas Crane



The Molossian Family Gathered for the Holiday.

## Neptune Deep - Molossia's Antipodal Marine Reserve

Neptune Deep is a territory of the Republic of Molossia, as well as a Marine Sanctuary. It is located at the antipodes of our nation, that is, the direct opposite point on the earth from Molossia, if one draws a straight line through the globe. The territory is in the open Indian Ocean, far from any land mass. It is located about 1900 Imperial Nortons (1900 KM) southeast of Madagascar, about 1400 IN north-west of the Kerguelen Islands, about 900 IN northeast of the Crozet Islands, and about 1700 IN west of Amsterdam and St. Paul Islands. It is at Latitude S 39° 19' 22.0679", Longitude E 60° 27' 37.2189". For reference, the Molossian Home Territory lies at Latitude N 39° 19' 22.0679", Longitude W 119° 32' 22.7811".



Neptune Deep lies on the Crozet Basin, a submarine depression in the southern Indian Ocean. The Crozet Basin is separated from adjacent basins by the West-Indian and Mid-Indian ridges in the north and the Crozet Plateau and Kerguelen-Gaussberg Ridge in the south. Broken hilly relief predominates at the bottom of the basin; flat and undulating accumulative plains appear only in the south-western section. The maximum depth is about 31,073 Nortons (5,500 meters). Sediments are red deep-water clays, replaced along the edges of the basin by foraminiferous silts.

Neptune Deep lies on the edge of the Roaring 40's, a band of strong westerly winds of up to 100 Nortons Per Hour (100 kph) or more, 100 days of the year, creating enormous three-story waves. Temperatures in the area average around 32 degrees Zenda (55 degrees / 13 C), with about 6.2 Nortons (1,100 mm / 43 in) of annual rainfall.

Neptune Deep is 2054 Square Royal Nortons (.50 ha / 1.3 ac) in area. Political administration of the territory lies in the hands of the Molossian Government, while physical administration is controlled by the Molossian Navy. Molossia claims both the waters over Neptune Deep, as well as the sea floor itself. As a sovereign nation we consider the waters above Neptune Deep to be an integral part of our territorial claim (especially as they are required for physical access to the territory), and are thus a part of the territory. In addition, we have established Neptune Deep as a marine sanctuary. We are dedicated to safeguarding the future of our world's oceans and their ecology, and this tiny enclave is a symbol of Molossia's commitment to environmental preservation.



Although Molossia's Neptune Deep claim may be spurious and not generally recognized by national governments or the U.N., it suits Molossia's purposes, since we will never go there anyway. Distance and depth generally prohibit our nation from actually visiting our undersea territory. Instead, we see ourselves as custodians and stewards of this tiny area of the deep ocean.

Example view of the sea-floor at Neptune Deep

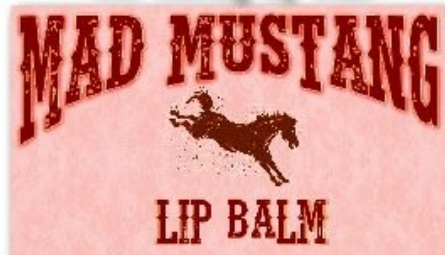
### Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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

- Saturday, 22 April 2023 XLVI at 10:00 AM PST (First Tour Of 2023)
- Saturday, 20 May 2023 XLVI at 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 17 June 2023 XLVI at 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 15 July 2023 XLVI at 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 19 August 2023 XLVI at 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 16 September 2023 XLVI at 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 14 October 2023 XLVI at 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour Of 2023)



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



# Around Molossia...



Home for the holidays! Chief Constable Alexis Baugh visiting home on a break from Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training for the US Army. Seen here with her beau, Daniel, the Chief Constable will return to Fort Leonard Wood after a 14-day holiday leave ready to finish training as a Combat Engineer!

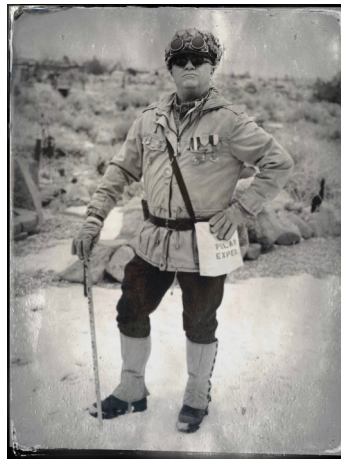


Birthday Party Time! Molossian Lily Erickson turns three...



And Bradley Harrison turns seven!

Looking ready for action, The President is dressed up Captain Gregory Dangerfield, polar explorer extraordinaire, in his first of several Steampunk outfits. The President paid a visit to the Nevada State Railroad Museum, a pretty steamy place, as the renowned explorer, helping out with the Santa Train!



All aboard! Molossians visiting Jolly Old Saint Nick on the Santa Train!



And the President and First Lady riding cable cars in San Francisco!

## Did You Know?



That Molossia was the first micronation to launch a living being in a rocket? In November 2009 XXXII the Marilyn rocket lifted four Mexican jumping beans aloft and returned them, safely, a first for our nation and a victory for science and our space program!



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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.

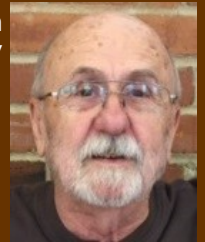
### Molossaphone Day - 28 January

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

### 6 January - Mary Mercurio's Birthday



### 27 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	-11° C / 12° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-1° C / 34° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	34 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

## *The Last Word With The First Lady*

Hello all! January is here and 2022 is officially closed! Are you ready for all that 2023 will bring you? Or, should I say, is 2023 ready for what we will bring its way? Why can't we set the tone for the year? We sure can! We all know that we don't have to wait for the beginning of a new year to start a new path/resolution, but here we are so why not start now? No resolutions, no problem? Let's start small. What are you looking forward to this year? I have a few things on my list: Micro-Con USA and EU, family trips, visiting other micronations, watching my grandchildren grow and learn, the continual growth of Molossia and so much more! This is the perfect time of year to think about your accomplishments from last year and what you'd like that list to look like next year. Do you have any personal goals? I know it's silly but I really want to be as good at jump roping as I was when I was a kid. That's a goal for me. It's little and obtainable but it will mean so much for me to be able to move my body that way. What have you been thinking about? Why not take a small step towards that new thing or new person? Love could be in the air this year! I'm excited to go on this journey with you! Let us know your thoughts on Twitter @molossia.



Thank you all and until next time..

Let's all face this year with the joy and excitement of a small child on Christmas morning. Nothing can stop us!

~Adrienne