



His Excellency, The President's Founder's Day Speech

Given 26 May 2020 XLIII

My Fellow Molossians, Family and Friends.

Today marks the 43rd anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Molossia, 43 years of greatness, of freedom, and of charting our own course through the waters of life. 43 years ago today my friend James and I created this great nation, conceived to explore the simple idea of having a country and what would make that dream happen. Through successive years I continued this dream, this goal, bringing us eventually to this day – and now looking beyond.

This past year has been an eventful one for our nation, both busy in ways we've seen before and busy in ways not ever seen. **(Continued Next Page)**



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Founder's Day And Tourists

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Founder's Day 2020

The Republic of Molossia celebrated it's 43rd anniversary on 26 May 2020 XLIII, albeit rather quietly. As compared to parties usually held to celebrate our nation's birthday, celebrations this year were low key. Founder's Day 2020 fell on a Tuesday, not the best day on which to hold a fête. Nevertheless, each Molossian celebrated the birthday of our great nation in their own way. A post-Founder's Day barbecue is also planned, for a later date.

In the meantime, let's all wish a very Happy Birthday to the Republic of Molossia, our home, our land, our heart, mighty and magnificent!

May Tourists

The Coronavirus 19 pandemic has thrown a wrench in the works as far as visiting our nation goes, but this finally changed on 23 May. After the COVID-related cancellation of the April tour, it was decided that the threat from the virus had diminished enough to allow a small tour in May. Thus on a beautiful Saturday morning ten tourists - the maximum number allowed - arrived at our nation's border, ready to see the sights. Maintaining a reasonable amount of social distance, our visitors were welcomed to Molossia and taken on a tour of our nation by the President and First Lady. All had a wonderful time visiting our nation and we hope that they might come back and see us again in the future!



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In February we reopened the Molossian Time Capsule, which was last buried four years earlier on 29 February 2016. It was wonderful to see the Molossian family of four years ago, and then to rebury the Time Capsule again, to be opened on 29 February 2024.

Also in February was the annual Molossian Broomball game, our national sport without any rules. Always chaotic and fun, our unique national sport was played by a good portion of our population at once, without any winners but always with a great deal of entertainment.

Always seeking to augment our economy, we inaugurated a new product, Mad Mustang Lip Balm, in January. The flavor of orange has proven to be very popular!

We welcomed our newest citizen on 31 October, Liliana Grace Erickson was born to Molossian Kaylin Harrison and her fiancé Anthony Erickson. Welcome Lily!

We added a new Ministry to the Molossian Government, the Ministry of Territorial Administration. The MTA is responsible for the management of the Molossia Constabulary, National Park Service, the two Provinces and one Colony. In addition, the MTA oversees three new departments, the Territorial Health Service, Directorate of Emergency Management and Directorate of Environmental Management. The Directorate of Emergency Management is responsible for our new emergency management plan and the Directorate of Environmental Management is responsible for our environmental management plan.

Speaking of the environment, the Republic of Molossia took a major step in environmental stewardship by inaugurating a Solar Power system, used to power all of Red Square. Now solar power provides electricity to the Molossia Post Office, Office of the President, Bank of Molossia and the Tiki Hut Bar and Grill.

Red Square was the site of another music concert, as we again hosted Chris Bernstorff last fall, who also performed in Molossia two years earlier, along with the band Common Folk.

The Molossian Navy conducted three separate voyages over the past year, first exploring Scripps Lagoon in Washoe Lake last June, followed by a voyage across the Nevada California border in Lake Tahoe in August. Most recently, the Navy teamed up with the Molossian Air and Space Agency to sail to an island in Lake Lahontan and launch a rocket. This mission was a great success and a landmark for both our Navy and Space Agency.

The Navy also launched our legendary wonder weapon again, the Great Panjandrum. This weapon, a rocket powered assault wheel, is designed to repel the enemies of Molossia in the event of a conflict. Launched in April at nearby Misfit Flats, the Panjandrum performed excellently, and is a great asset in the defense of our nation.

We hosted one State Visit over the past year, from President Aydan of the State of Malinovia. It was excellent to be able to welcome him to Molossia, a diplomatic milestone for both our nations.

Perhaps the biggest diplomatic occasion of the past year was MicroCon 2019. Taking place in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, MicroCon is the biennial meetup of micronationalists from around the world. Over a three day period, myself, the First Lady and the Chief Constable met and mingled with the leaders and citizens of many micronations, a wonderful opportunity to learn about each other's nations and build bonds between us. MicroCon was an amazing event, and we look forward to the next MicroCon, taking place in Las Vegas next year.

A major event in Molossia and around the world has been the COVID-19 pandemic. Originating in China last fall, the Coronavirus disease spread around the world, arriving in the neighboring United States in January 2020. By March quarantine restrictions were implemented to prevent the disease from spreading, and Molossia was not exempt from these. The Molossian Territorial Health Service established guidelines to prevent the spread of the disease, including social distancing and hygiene practices. In addition the Molossian border was closed to visitors, which resulted in the cancellation of the planned

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Voyage To Rocket Island

On Saturday, 9 May 2020 XLIII the Mighty Molossian Navy set out to explore the waters of nearby Lake Lahontan, about 33 Imperial Nortons 21 mi/33 km) east of the Molossian Home Territory. The goal was to sail to an island in the lake, and launch a rocket from that island. This sort of mission has never been attempted before - our Navy usually specializes in waterborne activities such as launching submersibles, not rockets. To facilitate transport across the water a tiny rocket was chosen, Nitro, barely 6 Micro-Nortons (6 in/15 cm) tall. The voyage began at Beach 11 in Lake Lahontan, with three of our Navy's vessels, the Platypus, the Bandicoot and the Wahoo, setting out from there to the island, about .5 Imperial Nortons (.3 mi/.5 km) away. Avoiding speeding jetskis, the fleet arrived at the island about a half hour later and immediately deployed the rocket for launching. The launch was successful, with the tiny rocket lofting high above the island. Regrettably the rocket was destroyed as a result of its powerful engine, so subsequent launches were not possible. Nevertheless the mission was declared a complete and great success and the flotilla set sail back to the mainland. From Lake Lahontan the fleet then returned to Molossia, another successful foray for the Mighty Molossian Navy. Hooray for the Molossian Navy!



Archipelago in Lake Lahontan



The First Lady and Chief Constable Afloat.



Rocket Island



Ready to Launch



The Aftermath - Destroyed Rocket

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April tour of our nation. To date, as the pandemic continues, Molossia has been free from incidences of the virus, and we plan to keep it that way.

Molossia remains a strong, proud and active nation and we plan to keep it that way. Each day brings new ideas and new opportunities for our country and each day we challenge ourselves to make our nation a better place. I am always proud of what we do here in Molossia, and proud to lead this wonderful nation to an ever brighter future.

God bless you, Long Live Molossia.



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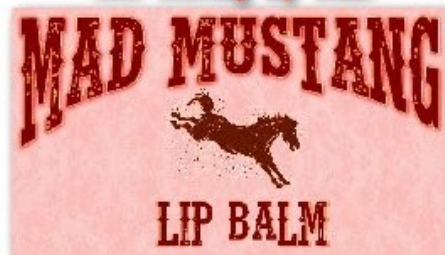
Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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

- Saturday, 20 June 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 18 July 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 15 August 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 19 September 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 10 October 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour of the Year)



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June Calendar

Navy Day - 4 June - Celebrates the founding of Molossia's Navy on this date in 2005, likely with submarine sandwiches.

VM (Victory Mustachistan) Day - June 8th - VM Day commemorates the victory of Molossia over the nation of Mustachistan in the war that took place in May - June 2006 XXIX.



Kaylin Harrison's Birthday - 21 June



Jade Baugh's Birthday - 9 June

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	35° C / 96° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	0° C / 33° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	18° C / 64.5° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	7.4 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

Hello everyone! Summer is here and everyone is ready to enjoy the sunshine and outdoors. Lockdown has been eased up and people are returning to their lives. We have heard a lot about "the new normal". As I think about this, I feel that we can create our own new normal. Life doesn't have to go back to the same hustle and bustle that it once was. It is very much ok to make time for yourself and time to spend with others a top priority. If this time of quarantine has taught me anything it has been to take more time for me, listen to that little voice inside of you that says you don't have to do it all. What hobbies have you started during this time that you may want to continue after life goes back to normal? Don't forget about those. Make those part of the new normal. Also, kindness and courtesy. I have felt that during these last few weeks people have been more courteous and gracious than before. Let's not lose that. People need that extra kindness right now more than ever. Let's see what kind of world we can create. We don't have to settle for the one we are given.

Thank you all and until next time...

Hold your head high and smile, everything is going to be alright.

~Adrienne

