



News from the Republic of Molossia



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A Few Words from the President

Tourist season has arrived! From now through 15 October we welcome visitors to Molossia. It is important to contact me in advance, to ensure that we are able to show you around the nation; an email to president@molossia.org will suffice, about two weeks out. Unescorted visits are not allowed - it is our home, after all. That said, come see the sights and hear the stories about Molossia, the world's smallest sovereign republic!

And be sure and visit Molossia on 26 May for our annual Founder's Day Celebration. The biggest holiday of the year for us, the fête will include tours of the nation, a BBQ, games, and my annual Founder's Day Speech. It's a grand time, so come see us!



Qingming

5 April 2014 XXXVII

On 5 April 2014 XXXVII the Republic of Molossia observed Qingming, our spring holiday. Qingming is adopted from the Chinese festival of the same name which takes place around early April each year. The Chinese holiday is one for enjoying the greenery of springtime and tending to the graves of departed ones. Here in Molossia the holiday is geared more toward general cleanup, often in neighboring areas outside our nation. This year the holiday began with a trip out to the newly liberated enclave of RollingAsia, not far from Molossia. For a good while the citizens of Molossia tramped around RollingAsia, on a quest to pick up trash. It turns out that the users of the park are a remarkably responsible lot, and very little garbage was to be seen. Undaunted and determined to clean up someplace, the intrepid Molossians departed RollingAsia and moved to Mark Twain Park, fairly close to Molossia. While not terribly messy by any means, there was a bit more garbage to pick up at Mark Twain Park, and a half hour there tidied up the park nicely. Once the park was cleaned, the First Family traveled to the town of Dayton and there enjoyed Subway sandwiches, cold food being another Qingming tradition. Lunch done, the Molossians returned to their own nation and spent the afternoon and evening painting, cleaning and organizing. As dusk fell, thus ended our nation's Qingming observance and a fine time was had by all.



Ready to Clean RollingAsia



Tidying Mark Twain Park

Heroes of Molossia

30 April 2014 XXXVII

The Republic of Molossia is pleased to unveil our newest monument and newest honor, the Heroes of Molossia. Both the monument and honor recognize significant individuals, living or deceased, that have contributed to Molossia's development as a nation. The Heroes Monument was formerly the Mustachistan War Memorial, damaged by a wind storm during the previous winter which destroyed the iconic lion atop the monument. His Excellency, The President decided to use this event to redesign both the monument and its reason for existing. From this was born the Heroes Monument and honor. This column, situated at the east end of the newly expanded Red Square, not only recognizes those individuals that have contributed to our nation, but also honors all Molossians in the wars in which our nation has been involved, specifically the Mustachistan War and the War Against East Germany. Over time, plaques will be added to column to recognize both individual heroes and the nation's sacrifices made during wartime.

As well as the monument, The President has directed that 30 April will henceforth be a new holiday, Heroes Day. This date was selected because of its relation to Camerone Day, the observance of the Battle of Camerone, wherein 65 French Foreign Legionnaires fought against 3000 Mexican soldiers in an heroic last stand. Long admired by The President, the anniversary of this iconic battle seemed to be the perfect date on which to recognize our own heroes. An observance will thus be held on 30 April every year, both to remember the wartime heroes of Molossia as well as the individual Heroes of Molossia.

To inaugurate the new monument, the first observance of Heroes Day was held on the evening of 30 April 2014 XXXVII. His Excellency, The First Lady and members of the First Family gathered in the twilight and lit the Lamp of Honor on the monument. The President then said a few words, recognizing Molossia's Heroes, past and present and acknowledging their sacrifices for our nation.

We are all proud of this new monument and tradition, as much as we are proud to honor our heroes, those mighty individuals that have helped shape our great nation and make it the wonderful place it is today.

Current Heroes of Molossia:

His Excellency, President Kevin Baugh
 First Lady Adrienne Baugh
 Emperor Norton I
 Walt Disney
 Miranda Mc Elhiney
 Admiral Erik White
 Heroes of the Mustachistan War
 Heroes of the War Against East Germany



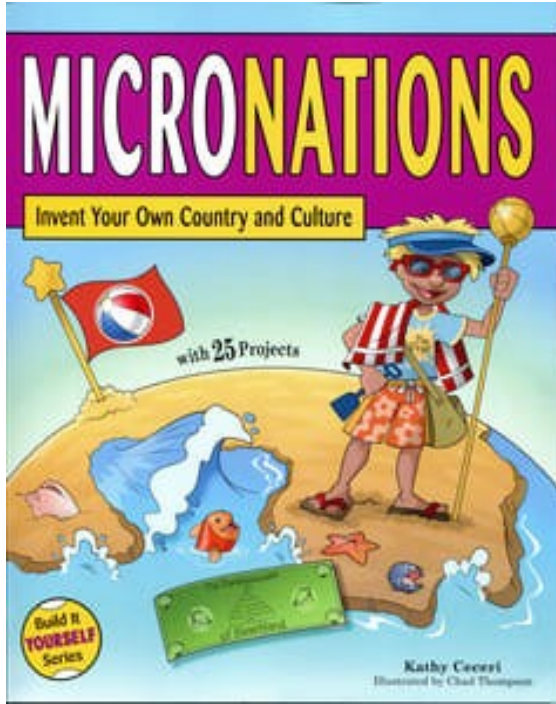
The Heroes Monument



Lighting the Lamp of Honor



The Heroes Monument



Molossia Featured in a New Book!

For anyone who's ever dreamed of ruling over their own empire, here's your chance! Micronations are imaginary countries that have a lot of the same things as real ones: laws, customs, history—even their own flags, coins, and postage stamps. Micronations: Invent Your Own Country and Culture takes readers step-by-step to discover what makes a country a country and create their own unique realm. Available at Amazon.com.



Molossia Fallen Phrase

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E L L R A D
P M M S P A A N G M T O
R O M M E O M O S L M E G N L N C C E N T
Y M I G L T Y G O N A O L T I A I L Y N H V E R
M F I H O H E D L A Y D I A S I I A F I E E E A R T

Replace the letters to form the phrase.

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May Calendar

Boulder Day - May 1st. The day we moved that very large boulder, celebrated with meatball subs!

Founder's Day - May 26th. Founder's Day is Molossia's principal National Holiday. This day remembers the date, in 1977, when Molossia (then known as Vuldstein), first became a nation. Always celebrated with a general get-together of all Molossians and visitors, including tours, a barbecue, games and The President's Speech..

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	34° C / 94° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-8° C / 18° F
Average High Temperature	22° C / 72° F	22° C / 71° F
Average Low Temperature	22° C / 72° F	5° C / 41° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	11.2 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady



May is here and so is the sun! Don't you just love feeling the sun on your face when you go outside? It warms you up from the inside out. What else gives us this nice feeling? Doing nice things for others, getting excited for an upcoming vacation, having a great idea, all of those things are exciting! When you decide to do something and take those steps to bring a new idea to life sometimes it may be small or sometimes it's huge and you don't even know it. When Molossia was a small idea in the back of the President's mind, he never would have thought that it would be what it is today. Why can't that great idea that you have brewing up in your mind become something great? It can! Take one step at a time to let it form, lead it with love and curiosity. See what develops, it may be amazing! We all have inner greatness, it's what you do with it that matters!

Thank you and until next time...

Surprise yourself with greatness!

~Adrienne