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A Few Words From The President

The environment and climate change are very much on everyone’s mind worldwide these days and here in Molossia it is much the same. As our planet slowly warms due to climate change and man’s impact on it, we are mindful of our stewardship of the world. We have but one earth upon which to live and every effort must be expended to protect it. Molossia’s impact may be small, like our nation, but every bit helps, no matter the size. As humans we are all interlinked to each other, through the fabled “six degrees of separation” which means each of us is part of a human web around the world. As such each person can impact so many others, be it positive or negative - preferably positive. If we can reach out through our human web, even the tiniest shift, the smallest change in our environment, can be felt across the planet. In Molossia we may be that tiny tremble in the web, but hopefully our small efforts to combat climate change and improve the ecological world will somehow reverberate loudly and make a difference. We certainly hope so and we can but try.



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Solar Power In Molossia

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Solar power has arrived in Molossia. In the works for several years, the Molossian Ministry of Power, Water and Such is pleased to announce the installation of our nation's first solar power system. Installed in Red Square, this new solar panel charges a battery which will in turn power all the lights and related appliances located there. In addition, electrification has now been extended to the Molossia Post Office and Bank of Molossia, beyond that already in place in the Office of the President and Tiki Hut Bar and Grill. Future plans for solar power include the Molossia Railroad and the Famous Pineapple Fountain - and someday, Government House itself. Of course, this new solar power system helps reduce Molossia's carbon footprint by providing clean, renewable energy. We strive to be responsible stewards of the environment here in Molossia, and using solar power is one more step in a greener Molossia and toward a better world.



Our New Solar Power System

Twenty Years

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Twenty years ago, on 9 September 1999 XXII, the Molossian Flag was raised for the first time over our sovereign territory. Of course, there was a Molossia before that and even before that our nation was named the Grand Republic of Vuldstein. But it was in September 1999 that our nation transitioned from the People's Democratic Republic of Molossia to the Republic of Molossia. The People's Democratic Republic of Molossia was the immediate successor to the Grand Republic of Vuldstein, replacing that national identity in June 1998. For a few months Molossia was a part of the United Provinces of Utopia, another micronation, leaving that nation in January 1999 to become fully sovereign again. After eight months as the People's Democratic Republic of Molossia, the Communist government was removed in a peaceful internal coup, and the Premier, Kevin Baugh, became the President of the Republic of Molossia. Assuming power on 3 September 1999 XXII, President Baugh quickly instituted changes from the old government to the new, including the adoption of a new flag. Officially called the Grand Triune, our three-colored flag, with its blue, white and green stripes, has flown over our nation ever since. Standing not only for the sky, the mountains and the desert, our flag also stands for strength, purity and prosperity, all characteristics of the great nation, the Republic of Molossia, that our flag proudly represents.



Molossia and Climate

Paris Climate Agreement

The Republic of Molossia is dedicated to protecting our environment - after all, we have but one world upon which to live and we should care for it. To that end, and somewhat belatedly, it was decided on 8 May 2018 XLI that our nation would adopt and abide by the provisions of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. The Paris Agreement was adopted by 195 nations in late 2015 XXXIX with a goal of dealing with greenhouse gas emissions. The Agreement aims to respond to the global climate change threat by keeping a global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius. In the Paris Agreement, each country determines, plans and regularly reports its own contribution it should make in order to mitigate global warming. As a sovereign, though unrecognized nation, Molossia will therefore set its own goals to reduce carbon emissions. In the forefront of this is our planned solar power initiative, which was finally launched in September 2019 XLII. Further, our nation will reduce the use of fossil fuels, already at a minimum due to our relative lack of roads, and place greater emphasis on recycling and reusing. At this time Molossia's carbon footprint is 6.8 metric tons per capita, roughly on par with Denmark but well below that of the neighboring United States. Nevertheless there is always room for improvement and our planned initiatives are a step in the right direction, one that will help protect and preserve our planet for future generations.

Kyoto Protocol Ratified

The 1997 Kyoto Protocol To The United Nations Framework Convention On Climate Change was ratified by the Government of the Republic of Molossia, effective 5 November 2004 XVII. The Kyoto Protocol is an amendment to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), an international treaty on global warming, of which Molossia is already a signatory. It also reaffirms sections of the UNFCCC. Countries which ratify this protocol will commit to reduce their emissions of carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse gases". His Excellency, The President of Molossia was a major advocate of the adoption of this protocol, spurred on by the recent ratification of it by Russia. His Excellency is quoted as saying, "This protocol is a good thing, for Molossia and the world. We really should have ratified this sooner. I am just disappointed that the United States has not chosen to accept this protocol. I guess it just shows that, to them, dollars are more important than the environment. The Cree Indians have a saying, 'Only when the last tree has died and the last river has been poisoned and the last fish has been caught, will we realize that we cannot eat money'. Maybe someday America will realize that they cannot eat money, hopefully before it's too late". It is certain that adopting this protocol will only make Molossia, and the world, a better place to live in.

AROUND MOLOSSIA...



The President and Chief Constable visiting Dayton Valley Days, in nearby Dayton, Nevada!



The Great Reno Balloon Races, in nearby Reno, Nevada!

Molossian citizen, Private Nathan Harrison, graduation from AIT in the US Army!



More Environmental Info...

On 1 March 2007 XXX, Molossia became the first nation to completely ban incandescent light bulbs. Incandescent light bulbs were replaced first by fluorescent bulbs and then later with LED lights. Incandescent light bulbs are very energy inefficient - approximately 95% of the power consumed by an incandescent light bulb is emitted as heat, rather than as visible light. An incandescent light bulb, with this ~5% efficiency, is about one quarter as efficient as a fluorescent lamp. Replacing Molossia's bulbs reduced our nation's power consumption measurably, thus reducing our carbon footprint.

On 6 January 2009 XXXII Molossia banned plastic shopping bags. Plastic bags contain chemical additives which can be harmful to human health and the environment; they do not readily biodegrade in a sanitary landfill. Among the chemicals contained in plastic bags are lead, cadmium, mercury, and the carcinogen diethylhexyl phthalate. About 100,000 whales, seals, turtles and other marine animals are killed by plastic bags each year worldwide; this ban was another small step in preserving our environment.

Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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

Saturday, 12 October 2019 XLII at 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour of 2019)

Saturday, 18 April 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST (First Tour of 2020)



The Molossian Navy



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OCTOBER CALENDAR

Day of Merriment - October 15th - Our First Lady's Birthday, a day of happiness and celebration - and presents, cake and ice cream!

Halloween - October 31st - A huge holiday in Molossia, with all of the usual trappings, including costumes, candy and trick-or-treating.



October Birthdays

**The First Lady's, of course!
15 October is the Day of Merriment!**

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	33° C / 92° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	0° C / 32° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	16° C / 62° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	4.1 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

Hello all and welcome to October! It's my favorite month of the year and not just because of my birthday - but that does help! I don't mind getting older, in fact a funny thing about me, I've always wanted to be an old lady. Ever since I was a little kid I have always looked up to the older and wiser, cuddly and sweet grandma types. Even now, at almost 41, I look fondly upon older ladies with their cute sweaters and think about how fun it will be to stop and talk to the younger generations and small children - and know that I have made a small impact on their lives with none of the responsibilities of a mother. Of course I still have children and a good amount of responsibility to people I employ and people that look up to me, and I don't take that for granted. I want my legacy to be that I made a difference in someones life, whether that be from a piece of advice or just leading by example. I know that I don't want to rush toward that part of my life; I very much enjoy where I am now.

However, it is fun to think ahead and fantasize about what life will be like in 20-30 years. Will we take Molossia on the road in a traveling RV? We will definitely be sightseeing. I hope I'm still writing this newsletter piece in those years to come and you can look back and see yes, here they are still doing what they love.

Thank you all and until next time...

Have something to look forward to even if it's silly or something that seems small. Life is fantastic, live it to the fullest.

~Adrienne

