



A Few Words from the President

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Summer's over, but busy days lie ahead as autumn approaches! Fresh off a naval expedition to Donner Lake, we will soon turn our attention to volcanic wonders, as our Volcanology Institute travels to Mammoth, California to explore volcanoes there. Later in September, the First Lady and I will be in the Dayton Valley Days parade, in nearby Dayton, Nevada. Come see us and enjoy Dayton Valley Days! And let's not forget Moonpie Day, coming up on 15 September, so open your box of Moonpies and enjoy! And tourist season is still open through 15 October. This is one of the best times of year to visit Molossia, so come see us!

We're always busy here in Molossia, so try to keep up! You can follow our activities on Facebook and on Twitter; see the links on the last page. Always fun times in Molossia!



Wyzantia State Visit

16 August 2014 XXXVII

On 16 August 2014 XXXVII, Shogun Wyatt Larsen, Ruler of Wyzantia, visited Molossia for the first State Visit between our two nations. Wyzantia is located in Albany, California and also online in a game called Minecraft. Wyzantia was founded on 6 June 2014 XXXVII as a real-world nation and later expanded into the virtual world. The Shogun arrived at 10:39 AM MST, accompanied by Eric Larsen, head of his military. His Excellency and the Shogun made the State Visit official by posing with their nations' flags in Republic Square, after which The President, First Lady and Chief Constable took the Shogun and Mr. Larsen on a tour of Molossia. During the tour they saw all the sights of our nation, after which they repaired to the Office of the President, where discussions were held pertaining to micronational matters and especially to the development of Wyzantia. Following this the Shogun and Mr. Larsen bid farewell to Molossia as they returned to Wyzantia by way of nearby Virginia City. Thus ended a successful diplomatic meeting, a milestone for both of our great nations.

The President and The Shogun
in Republic Square



Return to Donner Lake!

On 23 August 2014 XXXVII, the magnificent Molossian Navy launched its latest voyage of exploration to Donner Lake in California. This expedition marked the fourth such voyage to the beautiful mountain lake since 2006 XXIX. The initial focus of this expedition was Donner Lagoon, which is an arm of Donner Lake. Donner Lake lies about 80 Imperial Nortons (80 km / 50 mi) from the Molossian Home Territory, high in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Its namesake is the ill-fated Donner Party, which was stranded near here during the winter of 1846-1847, and suffered terrible hardships before finally being rescued.

The weather was cool and comfortable, with clouds subduing the recent heat. At about 2:00 PM Molossian Standard Time, the Molossian fleet set sail into Donner Lagoon, including the M.S. Bandicoot, the M.S. Platypus, the M.S. Manatee and an as yet unnamed additional vessel, piloted by our youngest sailor and Chief Constable, Alexis. Progress was steady and sedate, the water calm and generally free of obstacles. A few snags presented a minor challenge for our Navy's navigational skills, but they were easily overcome. At about the mid-point of the Lagoon, the flotilla paused for a lunch break, afloat. Afterward the fleet sailed to the south end of the Lagoon before returning to tiny 5 MPH island. Landing there, our brave sailors swam the Lagoon, making an attempt to survey the bottom. The water was cold and murky and the effort soon was abandoned. The decision was then made to set sail out into Donner Lake proper. This was the first successful foray out into the lake, previous attempts having been thwarted by rough water. The Navy explored along the lake shore for a while until daylight began to wane and it was decided to end the voyage.

The expedition complete, our brave Navy retired from the waters, and celebrated their mighty accomplishment at the McDonald's in nearby Truckee, before returning to Molossia.

His
Excellency,
The
President
Aboard the
M.S.
Bandicoot



Exploring
Donner
Lagoon



The fleet on
Donner Lake



Bottle Forest

The Republic of Molossia is pleased to unveil our latest art project, the Bottle Forest. The bottle forest is just that, a collection of bottles on trees, in this case cottonwood branches scrounged from the nearby Carson River and set into the ground next to Red Square. Bottle Houses and Bottle Forests can be found throughout the Southwestern US, and are a feature of many old mining towns and other desert locales. Molossia's Bottle Forest was conceived as a quirky replacement for the planned Bottle House project, itself now on hold. The location of the Bottle House and the current Bottle Forest will one day be home to the new Molossia Trading Company Building, to be constructed in either 2016 or 2017. In the meantime this unusual art display will decorate our nation and add a little more character to our already unique nation!

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September Calendar

Flag Day - September 9th Remembers the day the Molossian flag first flew over our sovereign territory, in 1998. It still does.

Moonpie Festival - September 15th Adaptation of the Chinese Moon Festival, marking the end of summer and the beginning of autumn. Celebrated by eating Moonpies, of course!

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	37° C / 98° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	12° C / 53° F
Average High Temperature	22° C / 72° F	31° C / 88° F
Average Low Temperature	22° C / 72° F	11° C / 51° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	5.8 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady



Hello everyone! It's September and school has started for the Molossia children. As we move into fall we are always sad to see summer go. Changes, like the seasons, happen all the time. This gives us the opportunity to start fresh and new. We can choose to have a new look or start a new adventure. When you see a change approaching try not to fear. Think about the situation and decide how to best handle it. Ask yourself what is the best outcome of this change and what is the worst outcome of this change? Can you live with both? If so, then you will be ok wherever you land. Keep your head up and your eyes open wide for new possibilities this change can bring you. Rather it's a new school year, a job loss, or a new friend, change can be hard for everyone. It's not what happens to you, it's how you react and what you learn from the situation that matters.

Thank you all and until next time...

Keep shining your light!

~Adrienne