



# The Mustang



## A Few Words From The President

Let me tell you, it's been a busy year! It's already autumn! This year has blasted by with so many activities and adventures it's dizzying. There have been many voyages, to St. Louis, North Carolina, Slowjamastan, Monterey, Hawaii, MicroCon in Joliet, Illinois, followed by MicroCon in Ypres, Belgium (and the accompanying visits to Paris, London and Amsterdam) and more! And there's more to come, in mid-September we'll conduct to State Visit to Zaqistan, and a trip to Zion in Southern Utah. The fun never stops in Molossia! But it's important to take a pause in our busy lives and assess what we've done and what we've learned. Each experience brings something new, new places and new faces, and each has the possibility of enhancing our lives in Molossia. Each MicroCon, for example, renews our vigor and brings new ideas for our nation. We're always seeking to improve Molossia and our many events and activities present ways to make that happen. Every day is a new day and each adventure brings new possibilities for Molossia!



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## Hurricane Hillary Is A Bust

29 August 2023 XLVI

The fourth week of August saw the looming danger of Hurricane Hillary over the southwestern region of the United States, within which lies the Republic of Molossia. Hillary was a category 4 Pacific hurricane, developing south of Mexico, then moving northward and growing in strength during the third week of August. By 20 August Hillary made landfall in Baja California and worked its way north toward Southern California and the desert southwest. Predictions of doom and destruction were forecast throughout the region, an area unaccustomed to hurricanes, including all the way north to Molossia. While rains and wind did arrive with the storm, the impact was far less than predicted. Flooding occurred in Southern California and Southern Nevada, with roads washed out, powerlines down and record rainfall reported. In Molossia, Hurricane Hillary was a bust, with rain falling for a twenty-four hour period, but nothing catastrophic. In fact the rainfall was quite welcome, August usually being one of the driest months of the year in our nation.



Hurricane Hillary flooding in Mexico.

Nevertheless, the unprecedented arrival of a hurricane in a region that rarely if ever has them, was quite startling. Though not usually threatened by such storms Molossia is sensitive to their impact. We hold an annual day of remembrance of Hurricane Katrina every year, due to our fondness for New Orleans, and in recognition of the death and destruction caused by that storm.

With the potential for a catastrophic storm reaching Molossia, His Excellency, The President has declared hurricanes illegal in Molossia. While this may or may not stave off future disasters, it's a good symbolic start, and who knows, maybe a declaration from our mighty President is all that's need to keep Molossia safe!



Hurricane Hillary.

# MicroCon EU 2023

18 August 2023 XLVI

On 12 August 2023 XLVI the Republic of Molossia was honored to participate in the European MicroCon, the intermicronational get-together and conference. Hosted in Ypres, Belgium by the Royal Republic of Ladonia and the Grand Duchy of Flandrensis, MicroCon is a meet-up of micronationalists from around the world. On the evening of 11 August a micronational meetup was held in the Brasserie Kazematten restaurant, following attendance at the Last Post ceremony held nightly at Ypres' Menin Gate. This ceremony commemorates fallen soldiers from World War I. The conference proper began the following day at the Domein de Lissewal, and from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM over 66 delegates from 23 micronations gathered to share their ideas, dreams and worlds with each other. Throughout the day 13 presentations were given on a wide variety of micronational topics, ranging from managing a micronation, impact of micronationalism on your life, foreign affairs, the environment, branding and much more. Introductions to many newer micronations, such as Full-dova, Onyonia and Noseland and many more were also made. Breaks were taken, including lunch, to allow time for networking and socializing - and there many photo-ops in front of each nation's information display. The media was also in attendance, of course. Following the presentations awards were given out, with His Excellency President Kevin Baugh giving out Molossian Medals of Statesmanship to most of the micronations in attendance. After an all-too-brief eight hours the conference adjourned and the delegates departed to prepare for the evening's event, the formal dinner.

The formal dinner was arranged as a soirée following the convention. Attendees arrived in the Domein de Lissewal restaurant at 7:00 PM, dressed in their finery for an evening of dining and hobnobbing. After a magnificent dinner each leader and their party took their leave. Thus ended this year's MicroCon EU event. After this year, the next MicroCon is planned for Montreal in 2025. Until then, MicroCon 2023, both in Joliet, Illinois and Ypres, Belgium was an amazing event and one of memories and experiences that will last for a very long time!



The President and First



Meeting with Young Micronationalists.



Passport Stamping.



The President and the Grand Duke of Westarctica



With the Sultan of Slowjamastan.



With the Grand Duke of Flandrensis and the Ladonian Secretary of Foreign Affairs.



Molossia's Display.



MicroCon Audience.



Balcony Wave.



Leading Ladies Presenting.



Receiving a Medal.

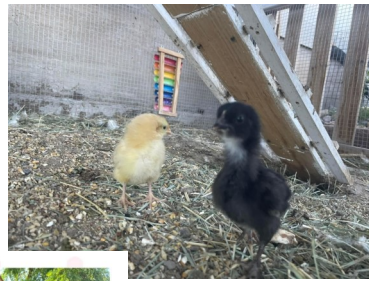


Formal Dinner



### *Around Molossia...*

Welcome to two new baby chicks to the Molossian coop, Harmony and Peace!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU**

Happy Second Birthday to Molossian Luna!



Filling big shoes at Zaanse Schans, The Netherlands!



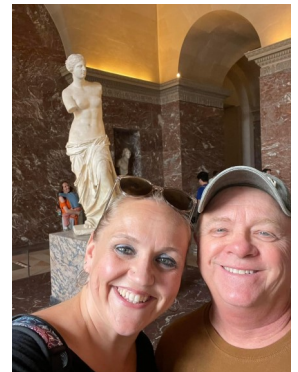
Big Ben, London!



The Eiffel Tower!



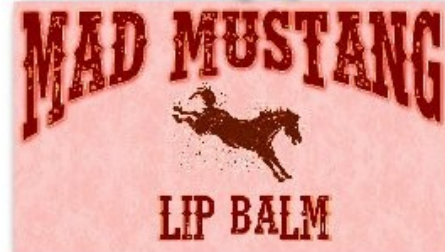
The Atomium, Brussels, Belgium!



At The Louvre, Paris!



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



### *Upcoming Tours Of Molossia*

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

- Saturday, 16 September 2023 XLVI at 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 14 October 2023 XLVI at 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour Of 2023)



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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!



### 2 September - Lyla 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	32 C / 95° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	11° C / 51° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	22° C / 73° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	18 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

## *The Last Word With The First Lady*

Hello all, September is here and school's back in session. Here in Molossia, we do not have any youngsters going to school except our grandchildren. It is so fun to watch these young Molossians grow and develop interests and hobbies of their own. The youngest micronationalists that I have ever met was 11. My grandsons are 7 and I often wonder if they'll have an interest in having their own micronation or taking a more active role here in Molossia. Having the President as your grandfather has some perks! They will get to see first hand what makes a country and when they're older they'll be able to have conversations about nations that some people only dream of. Right now, they just know that Molossia is Grandma and Papa's house. They haven't yet hit the age where this situation feels unique. How cool would that be to find out that a place that you visit all the time is actually somewhere quite famous! The Chief Constable went through her fair share of similar experiences when she was growing up. Sometimes her friends didn't believe that she lived in another country. Thankfully, she was able to show them on Google and then in person. After that, some parents would create fun passports to give to their kids to bring when they stayed the night. How fun! How would you feel growing up in a micronation? I can tell you from experience, it is pretty awesome!

Thank you all and until next time,

Keep smiles on faces and happiness in your heart.

~Adrienne

