### News from the Republic of Molossia

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# A Few Words from the President

Some points of clarification: As spring approaches we tend to see an increase in inquiries regarding our nation. First and foremost, we tend to get flooded with citizenship requests, often from faraway lands. Folks, please don't waste your time. Molossian citizenship is only open to current citizens and residents of our nation. There is no path for you to move here; we cannot help with visas to enter the US and so forth. Please look elsewhere, if you are seeking to leave your native land. Second, regarding diplomacy, Molossia does not engage in formal relationships with other nations. We prefer friendly, informal relations without treaties, embassies or alliances. We are strictly neutral and informal toward other nations - but we are always willing to help new micronations as they develop, just ask!



# The Liberation of RollingAsia

The Republic of Molossia is proud to have struck a great blow for freedom. On 23 March 2014 XXXVII the residents of the nearby enclave of RollingAsia (formerly the Rolling A Ranch) requested that our nation liberate them from the yoke of American domination. RollingAsia has an historical connection to Molossia as its location on the Carson River is believed to be the campsite of ancient Chinese sailors from the fleet of Zheng He, after their discovery of Molossia in AD 1421. Thus it was without hesitation that Molossia stepped in to free these kindred people. At about 2:00 PM MST special Molossian paramilitary troops crossed the border into RollingAsia and swiftly overwhelmed the weak occupation forces there, send them fleeing. The grateful RollingAsians celebrated their new found freedom by fêting the troops and our glorious leader, His Excellency, The President, liberator of RollingAsia!



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RollingAsia

A plebiscite is planned for the future, to determine if RollingAsia will join Molossia. Overwhelming approval is expected when this vote is held. Hooray for freedom, liberation and annexation!



Ready for Action!



Proud Freedom Fighters!



The Militia on the Move!

10 March 2014 XXXVII

# Tiki Hut Expansion

The Republic of Molossia is pleased to present our newest structure, the Tiki Bar. The Tiki Bar is an outside barbeque kitchen for the adjacent Tiki Hut Bar and Grill, Molossia's premier restaurant. The addition of the Tiki Bar makes it possible for cooking to actually take place and food to be served in the Tiki Hut, something not previously possible due to the Tiki Hut's small size.

The Tiki Bar's grand opening took place on 9 March 2014 XXXVII with a luau and bonfire. Molossia-style hamburgers were served, with a slice of Spam added. After the burgers were served and dinner was done, all assembled (a good portion of Molossia's citizenry) adjourned to the nearby bonfire pit, where a pleasant, albeit chilly, evening was spent singing songs and generally enjoying each others company. A fine time was had by all and with our new Tiki Bar, more will come!



Luau Time!



The President Cooking Up Burgers



Bonfire Bonhonie



New Tiki Bar



New Tiki Bar

# St. Expeditus, The Patron Saint of Molossia

St. Expeditus is the Patron Saint of the Republic of Molossia. While we are not particularly religious, it never hurts to have a little extra insurance. St. Expeditus was possibly born in Armenia, at an unknown date. He was a Christian martyr, but not much else is known about him. A Parisian convent received a package from Rome containing a statue and relics of a saint, but they were unsure to whom the Holy Remains belonged. The package in which it came was marked "spedito" or "special delivery," which in Latin translates to Expeditus. Whether the relics belong to the poor Armenian martyr or the good sisters had just been duped by an ironic play on words will never really be known. A similar story surrounds a statue of St. Expeditus that arrived in New Orleans in a crate similarly marked like the one mentioned above, with no information as to contents. This statue now resides in the Our Lady of Guadeloupe Church in New Orleans, and the saint's name is regularly mentioned with gratitude in the personal column of the local paper, alongside St Jude.

As well as being the patron saint of the Republic of Molossia, St. Expeditus is also the patron of emergencies and solutions. His feast day is April 19. He is traditionally depicted as a Roman soldier, holding a palm leaf in his left hand, and raising a cross with the word "Hodie" (today) on it. His right foot is stepping on a raven, which is speaking the word "Cras" (tomorrow).

St. Expeditus is related to the Voodoo Culture of New Orleans, as a Loa, or Voodoo "saint" invoked for speedy solutions. In addition, St-Expédit is a cult figure on the island of Réunion in the Indian Ocean, where blood-red shrines populate the countryside, decorated with candles and, occasionally, underwear.





# Molossia Views



The President Aboard the M.S. Wombat, former flagship of the Molossian Navy.

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### April Calendar

Qingming Festival - April 5th (give or take). Adapted from the Chinese festival of the same name, this is the day we clean the Molossia Cemetery, usually in conjunction with related sprucing up of the entire nation. Also honors departed Molossians. On Qingming day Molossians eat cold food, a practice adapted from the related Chinese Holiday Hanshi. This usually means a trip to Subway™ is in order.

**Kickassia Invasion Victory Day** - April 11th On 9 April 2010 XXXIII the upstart micronation of Kickassia invaded our nation and overthrew Our President, installing a new government. Two days later on 11 April, the invasion imploded and control Molossia was returned to The President, a victory for our country.

**St. Expeditus' Day** - April 19th - Feast Day St. Expeditus is the patron saint of Molossia - even though there are no Catholic Molossians. Because of St. Expeditus' New Orleans connections, this holiday may be a good time to have a muffaletta.

### THIS MONTH'S WEATHER

We're also on Facebook, at www.tinyurl.com/MolossiaFacebook

And follow us on Twitter at <u>www.twitter.com/Molossia</u>.

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.

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	Molossia	US			
Maximum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	24° C / 76° F			
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-2° C / 28° F			
Average High Temperature	22° C / 72° F	14° C / 57° F			
Average Low Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-1° C / 30° F			
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	5.3 mm			
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!				

# The Last Word With The First Lady



April has arrived and that means springtime! The flowers are blooming here in Molossia and tourist season is about to begin. Before we allow tourists to come we have to finish spring cleaning. Last minute adjustments on the flower beds, touch up the paint on the Post Office and Tiki Hut, etc. We always want to look our best before having visitors. Because we have so many ideas, we always have something under construction. It is good to always be thinking and to have new plans. How can I improve this or how can we change that? For your micronation or your life, it is always best to see how you can improve or change the situation. Don't be afraid to let people in even though you may have things under construction. They will be happy to see you as you are. You don't want to miss out on a friend or trying something new just because you're not quite ready. It's best not to be complete, instead be always improving, always changing. There is no complete or finished here in Molossia. It's what's next? How about this? Try it out and see how it makes you feel to be inspired. While you're at it grab a friend and do it together!

> Thank you and until next time... Be inspiring!

~Adrianne