**News from the Republic of Molossia**

**A Few Words From The President**

Out here in the West it has been getting hotter and drier each year, it seems, and there’s no sign of that changing. The forest fires have been getting bigger, the summer days hotter and each winter, when we get most of our moisture in the form of rain and snow, there has been less and less. This is climate change, euphemistically called “global warming”, a reality happening before our very eyes. I suspect that there is little we can do about this, that the damage is done and falling off the cliff, so to speak, is inevitable. But perhaps we can slow our progress toward that cliff. What I’m talking about is respecting our environment and seeking to preserve it. Of course this is a time-honored topic going back to my childhood and probably before, but it has never been more important. It's time to conserve water, seek alternate energy sources and contribute less waste. Here in Molossia we have looked to solar power to run our buildings in Red Square, and xeriscaping to conserve water usage. We are constantly seeking to preserve and conserve, to stave off the effects of climate change and perhaps help make our world a better place!

**Molossia’s Golf Course**

The Republic of Molossia is proud to unveil our latest attraction, the Back Forty Brown Golf Course. Situated conveniently behind the Constabulary, the Golf Course is a one-hole mini-golf type links. Constructed simply from old rugs and spare lumber, the course’s rusticness and simplicity is designed to rival that of the course on Ascension Island, dubbed the "worst golf course on earth". The par for this course is 77 - the number derived from the founding year of Molossia - although most players manage to eventually get the ball in the cup at around five strokes, give or take. Rocks, metal sculptures and the former tunnel from the Molossia Railroad complete the obstacles and add a little challenge to the course. Thus far the course is rather popular with Molossians and tourists alike and makes a great addition to the many things to do in our nation!
Molossia’s UMD

On Sunday, 11 July 2021 XLIV the Mighty Molossian Navy set out to explore the waters of nearby Lake Tahoe, about 50 Imperial Nortons (31 mi/50 km) west of the Molossian Home Territory. The goal was to deploy our newest scientific instrument, the Underwater Magnetic Device (UMD). This was a new frontier for our Navy, having previously only explored beneath the waves with our submersible cameras. The UMD’s purpose is to pick up metallic items from the lake bottom with its powerful magnetic force. Attached to a long cable, the magnet can descend deep beneath the surface, to hopefully come back with any sort of metal - perhaps even treasure? On a sunny afternoon, the Navy deployed from Sand Harbor in Lake Tahoe, sailing east toward a rocky promontory, deemed a likely area for metal items to be lost and hopefully found. Unfortunately none were to be found, the lake bottom being scrupulously clean. The Navy then moved to the sandy bottom of the beach area of Sand Harbor, where a trove of iron filings were brought up by the magnet - showing its effectiveness, if nothing else. Determining that the magnet worked but the "fishing" grounds were less than desirable, the Navy ended the mission, returning to Molossia successful - and optimistic for future missions with our mighty UMD!

Did You Know?

Molossia was the first micronation to launch living beings as a part of the space program? On 28 November 2009 XXXII the “Marilyn” rocket went aloft with a payload of Mexican jumping beans, our first living creatures that have ever been launched skyward by the Molossian Space Program!

The Molossian Navy

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Around Molossia...

His Excellency, The President celebrated his 59th birthday on 30 July in Government House. Happy Birthday, Your Excellency!

A 6.0 earthquake struck south of Molossia, fortunately there was no damage to our nation!

Associated Press
6.0-magnitude quake rattles Northern California; no reports of damage
Last Updated: July 8, 2021 at 10:30 p.m. ET
First Published: July 8, 2021 at 8:43 p.m. ET

By Associated Press
Quake centered near Nevada border felt as far away as San Francisco

A 5.9-magnitude earthquake struck south of Lake Tahoe, Calif., on Thursday afternoon.
SCREENSHOT FROM USGS

Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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

14 August 2021 XLIV at 10:00 AM PST
4 September 2021 XLIV at 10:00 AM PST
9 October 2021 XLIV at 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour of the Year)
Hello all! August has arrived and just like that we are at the end of summer vacation. That’s right, kids will begin back to school in just a few weeks! Did you do everything that you wanted to do this summer? Are you staying closer to home this year or did you have a great adventure in a far off land?

Here in Molossia we do a bit of both. Of course exploring is in our blood, but we also love hanging around Government House relaxing. When you live in a place as beautiful as Molossia, it can be hard to think of elsewhere as paradise. Have you been here to visit? We do have a few more tours left this year, three more to be exact. If you can’t make it out, be sure to check out our YouTube or Facebook page to see as many pictures as you can so that you can get a feel for our nation. We do change things often here in the Republic of Molossia, so if you’ve visited before, it’s likely we have a new feature or attraction. You never know what we will think of next!

Thank you all and until next time,

Make everyday the adventure you desire, even in the little things that you do!

~Adrianne