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News from the Republic of Molossia



A Few Words From The President

Just a few short words on a topic dear to my heart. In response to recent attitudes and events over the border, we are building a Friendship Gateway here in our nation. We do not build walls in Molossia, we do not live in fear, we welcome all. We are instead building this gateway - a hole in the wall, so to speak - to symbolize inclusiveness and openness. We invite our friends and allies to buy a brick to build that gate. When our Gateway is complete we will include a plaque with all the names of those that contributed. Help us open doors, not close them, help us build Molossia's Friendship Gateway!



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His Excellency, The President's New Year's Speech

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My Fellow Molossians, Greetings.

2017 is a banner year indeed. This year heralds our 40th anniversary as a nation, four decades of sovereignty, of accomplishments, of triumphs and of growth. Four decades to take Molossia from a few scraps of paper - a few notes - to reality, a real, tangible nation. We have accomplished so much as a nation over the past forty years, beginning with a dream and an idea and culminating in the state we have today. To be sure, there have been setbacks and the struggle to move from vision to reality is ongoing. Molossia is small, compared to the giant nations dominating this planet, but our hearts are strong and our dream is powerful. We are not daunted by the task of building a nation nor by the obstacles before us. We endeavor daily and strive mightily forward to further our dream. At times this dream seems unobtainable, and our resolve may falter. But we always continue to move forward, always drawing that resolve from deep within our souls, knowing that our struggles are not in vain but are part and parcel of who we are and what we do. The steel within each of us could not be as strong without the setbacks that temper us. Victories and defeats go hand in hand in the creation of any invention and ours is a very special invention indeed. It is the establishment of our own nation, our own home upon this planet. No other goal can be as lofty yet we have risen to the challenge time and again. For forty years we have struggled and built, and the magnificent result lies before us all. An amazing nation, the most special on earth, Molossia. And the work continues. Having built this nation over the past four decades, we will not rest upon our laurels. The work is not done, and we are the people to continue it. Within all of us burns the unquenchable desire to make this nation the greatest on earth, and today, tomorrow and for the next forty years and beyond we will labor together to make and keep it that way. Molossia is the future and together we will work to make that future the utmost for all Molossians.

God Bless You,

Long Live Molossia!

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Winter Storms

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Winter in Molossia can be a highly unpredictable experience and tends to happen in waves. Sometimes we will go through a long dry spell, with close to warm temperatures, followed by storms of varying intensity - and followed by another dry spell. These storms may involve rain or snow, the latter rarely lasting more than a day or two. On occasion, however, a truly powerful storm will arrive and remind us what winter in this mountainous area can truly be like. This week, the first of January 2017 XL, brought one of these storms. It began, as most of our storms do, with powerful winds rolling in, blowing away anything not tied down. Following the winds came rain, pouring down for over a day, an unusually long period for our dry desert. After the rain temperatures dropped and the snow arrived. Over the course of an evening a blanket of white settled on Molossia and the surrounding valleys, burying us under several Micronortons of snow. By mid-day on Thursday, 5 January, the snow let up, but not before snarling traffic and generally causing havoc. This area will have a brief chilly respite for a day or so, with more snow predicted over the next week at least. Between the rain and snow, with temperatures slightly warming soon, there is a real possibility of flooding in the local rivers and streams. In years past winter floods have devastated nearby towns in the US, themselves generally unaccustomed to much moisture. It is hoped that flooding will not happen this year; in the meantime the Molossian Weather Service will remain vigilant, monitoring our volatile, ever-changing weather.

UPDATE: Winter weather continues to invade Molossia and the surrounding area. The second week of January saw slightly warmer temperatures which had the effect of melting the recent snow, causing flooding throughout the region. Streams and rivers swelled and broke their banks, inundating low-lying areas. After a few days the flooding receded and the snow returned. The cycle then repeated, snow followed by melting, followed by flooding - although lesser than earlier in the month. This winter has been an unusually wet one, and more is likely to come!



RollingAsia Before and During the Flood





Storm Coming In!

Storm Covers Republic

Square



Red Square Turned White



Flood On The Nearby Carson River



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History Of Molossia, Part II

On September 3rd, 1999 XXII, the Communist government was renounced, the People's Democratic Republic ceased to exist, and the Republic of Molossia was declared. The former Premier, Kevin Baugh, became the President of the new government.

As a republic, we have strived to unite small nations, and to extend the world of small nations into the world of large nations. In 2000 XXIII, Molossia hosted the first Intermicronational Olympic Games, in concert with the 2000 Sydney Games. That same year, Molossia sponsored the successful adoption of Norton Day (January 8th) as the first international holiday exclusively for small nations, and further created the Norton Awards for Intermicronational Excellence. In 2001 XXIV, our nation hosted the first Intermicronational World Exposition, showcasing small nations from the world over.

In August 2003 XXVI Molossia expanded its frontiers for the first time and purchased land in Northern California, creating our first colony, Farfalla. This colony was surrendered in late 2005, only to be supplanted almost simultaneously by a new territory, Desert Homestead Province, located in Southern California. In February 2015 XXXVIII Farfalla Colony was regained by our nation, becoming a part of Molossia again after nearly ten years.

On 22 May 2006 XXIX, Molossia was attacked by the nearby small nation of Mustachistan, resulting in a brief war with that nation. That war ended on 8 June 2006 XXIX, with a resounding Molossian victory. Problems have continued with that country however, most recently with a crisis over the Mustachistan missile program in November and December 2006 XXIX.

In March 2007 XXX, Molossia led the way in the environmental arena by banning incandescent lightbulbs. In January 2009 XXXII, Molossia also banned plastic shopping bags and began a comprehensive recycling program.

In September 2008 XXXI, a long-forgotten Declaration of War was discovered, opening hostilities with East Germany. War was apparently declared on 2 November 1983 VII, when Molossia was still known as the Grand Republic of Vuldstein. In spite of East Germany being defunct, it still exists in part in the form of a small uninhabited island off Cuba, and thus the war, at least in theory, continues, with no end in sight.

Due to its longevity, Molossia has gained the respect of other small, unrecognized nations, and a certain amount of notoriety. Our nation has been featured in several radio interviews, a television interview, newspapers and magazines around the world, internet articles, and in a book by Lonely Planet. His Excellency, The President also appears regularly in the annual Nevada Day Parade, held in nearby Carson City, Nevada.

On 9 April 2010 XXXIII, Molossia was invaded and the government was briefly overthrown. The nation was renamed "Kickassia", and a dictatorial leader assumed control. His authoritarian style quickly became his downfall and the upstart government collapsed swiftly. On 12 April 2010 XXXIII, the invaders departed peacefully and Molossia was restored to its rightful state, with His Excellency, The President again at the helm.

Molossia has a proud heritage and history, one that is unique to our nation and set us apart as a special place. Today's republic looks toward a proud future for all Molossians and small nations the world over.



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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

(A few days late) Chinese New Year - 28 January - Celebrated by eating Chinese food, of course!

Jack Day - February 4th—In memory of the former First Dog, born on this day in 1991, died in 2001.



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	8.8° C / 48° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-11° C / 12° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-1° C / 30° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	143 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

Hello all! January is over and we now look to a warmer time of year. You know, here in Molossia, we always have 72 degree weather but the bad weather from America has been very strong this year blowing snow and storms right over our boarders! Yuck. We are ready to get back to our nice weather. Projects are outside waiting for us! We have many plans in Molossia this spring. We love making this country the best it can be! Do you have big plans for spring? Just start with a small idea and watch it grow, see where it can take you! It is such a good feeling to see your plans come to life! Tell us about your spring plans on Twitter with #molossiaspring. We love hearing from you!

Thank you all and until next time,

Don't waste the sunshine!

~Adrianne

