I have recently been bombarded with requests for Molossian citizenship from far away African nations. We go through phases I guess, currently requests from Africa and a year or so ago from the Middle East and South Asia. As always I clarify, as gently as possible, that Molossia is a family nation, meaning one must be a member of our family in order to be a citizen. Furthermore, our nation is tiny, just 17,920 Square Royal Nortons (11.3 acres) in size, hardly capable of hosting the literally thousands of people apparently seeking to immigrate here. While I am honored that our land appeals to so many as a potential new home, of course we must decline. We are quite content with our small population of 34 citizens (including our dogs), and are not seeking new citizens from far off lands - we have added citizens on our own just fine! And of course we are very happy that our citizens are also all family. Knowing and loving each other makes Molossia a very special place indeed, a tiny bright spot on this earth, one that we call home!
**A Visit To Farfalla**

As noted before, the Republic of Molossia is a larger country than can be seen in our Home Territory located in Northern Nevada. Our nation also possesses two exclaves: Desert Homestead Province, located near Joshua Tree, California, and Farfalla Province, located outside the Northern California town of Alturas. Farfalla consists of 7,965 Square Royal Nortons (2 hectares / 4.9 acres) of uninhabited land surrounded by rolling forested hills. It is split by a small creek named Deer Run, which is partially fed by Lion Spring. Farfalla is covered in juniper and piñon trees, wild flowers and grasses. In the absence of humans, there is substantial wildlife in Farfalla, including deer, coyotes, cottontail rabbits and the occasional house cat.

It was to Farfalla that His Excellency, the President, the First Lady, the Chief Constable and her beau Tyler, journeyed on 11 June 2022 XLV. This was the first visit to our far-flung province since it was elevated from colony to province in January of this year. The First Family set up camp in Farfalla, the first time any Molossian has stayed overnight in the province. Just a few hours into the visit rain set in, continuing into the next day. Following an expedition further afield on the second day of the visit, rain and unseasonable cold drove the intrepid pioneers to a hotel in nearby Alturas. On the third day, the First Family installed a wildlife camera in the province, to spy on the frequent animal visitors to this unspoiled wilderness. In addition, the Chief Constable expertly piloted a drone above Farfalla, giving an aerial view of the territory for the first time. In spite of the inclement weather, the visit to Farfalla was a great success. As in previous visits, plans were made to establish a more permanent presence in Farfalla, perhaps someday with a small cabin, the weather making this goal even more appealing. In the meantime, we will continue to enjoy our distant Farfalla Province from afar.

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The Molossian Navy

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Return to Lava Beds

On 12 June 2022 XLV, the Molossian Institute of Volcanology embarked on their latest scientific mission, a return trip to Lava Beds National Monument. The Molossian Institute of Volcanology is dedicated to the study and exploration of volcanoes and related geological activities. The Lava Beds is an enormous area of ancient volcanic activity, located in Northern California. Over a period of the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions on the Medicine Lake shield volcano have created a rugged landscape dotted with many interesting volcanic features including more than 700 lava tube caves, as well as Native American rock art sites, and an historic battlefield.

Arriving at about 12:00 PM MST, the Volcanology team quickly leapt into the main activity of the park, exploring the many lava tube caves. The team's goal was to explore caves not previously surveyed on past expeditions, the most recent having been in 2013 XXXVI. They first explored Valentine Cave, then the team moved to Sunshine and Sentinel Caves, followed by Skull Cave, which has an ice floor. Subsequently the team explored the remote Heppe Cave, which occasionally also has an ice floor, although this was not seen this time. After a short stop at Black Crater, an ancient spatter cone, the expedition came to an end. This mission was a great success for the Molossian Institute of Volcanology, always seeking to understand the geology of our amazing world.

Expedition Ready

Down Into Valentine Cave

Lavasicles, Valentine Cave

Skylight, Sentinel Cave

Heppe Cave

Inside Skull Cave

Inside Sunshine Cave

Lave Tube, Valentine Cave

Sunshine Cave

Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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

Saturday, 16 July 2022 XLV AT 9:00 AM PST
Saturday, 20 August 2022 XLV AT 9:00 AM PST
Saturday, 17 September 2022 XLV AT 10:00 AM PST
(Last Tour Of 2022)

Don’t horse around with dry lips, get Mad Mustang Lip Balm!
Hello everyone! July is here and it’s the American time to celebrate independence and freedom. I know that many Americans are having a hard time wanting to celebrating those things right now. There is so much conflict in the world today that even the little things are hard to focus on and be happy with. When life is overwhelming, sometimes all we can do is try to look within and see what we can celebrate. The sun is shining and my family is healthy, that is a start. All of the original children of Molossia are now grown and moving in their own directions. The Molossian grandchildren are thriving everyday. Our garden is flourishing and our doggie citizens are as naughty and as loyal as ever. The President and I are so grateful for our family, our country and people that share our life with us. Many tourists have already visited us this year. We have so much love and information to share with them. This is the path that we will continue to go down. A path of gratitude and celebration of the small things. Being overwhelmed with the big issues of the world begs us to ask what small step can I make to help make a difference? Write your senators, march in your local protests or support someone in your life that is more directly affected. Keep shining on as best as we can. Molossians hear you and see you.

Love you all and until next time..

Stay above the storm my friends.

~Adrianne