News from the Republic of Molossia

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A Few Words from the President

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New Year's Speech
Given by His Excellency, President Kevin Baugh

My Fellow Molossians, Greetings.

Today marks the beginning of a new year, a chance to look at the world afresh and to step into that new day and new world boldly. The New Year is a symbol of renewal and on this occasion we should all clear our thoughts and refocus our energies. On this day, let us all take a moment and just breathe. Pause in what we’re doing and set aside where we’ve been and where we’re going. In this moment reflect on the here and now. We all work together to make Molossia the greatest nation on earth, stop and enjoy that nation that we have created. Revel in the clear blue sky above us, the gentle breezes that wave our flag, the country that we have built and the family that we are. These are the important things, the things that set us apart and make Molossia special.

To be sure, we must look ahead to our challenges and of course we must look back on our accomplishments. Just two weeks ago a powerful storm blew through Molossia, wreaking havoc and causing destruction. Having been dealt this blow we immediately set about rebuilding and to date repairs are complete. This event is symbolic in itself, a moment of crisis, a chance to rise again, to meet our challenges and renew our nation. This we have done and this we will always do, for that is the Molossian spirit.

The past is behind us now and yesterday is but a memory. As Eleanor Roosevelt said, with the new day comes new strength and new thoughts, and this is that new day. Our nation is ever-changing and evolving and new things are happening all the time. We will meet each challenge with resolve and positivity and shape our own future. We will do this together as a nation and a family, because together we can do anything. We are Molossians.

God Bless You,
Long Live Molossia!
The Government of the Republic of Molossia is very proud and pleased to announce that our former Colony of Farfalla is once again a part of our nation. Farfalla is a colony of the Republic of Molossia. It is located in central Modoc County, about 11 Imperial Nortons (11 km / 6.5 miles) north of the town of Alturas, California. Farfalla is about 7,965 Square Royal Nortons (2 hectares / 4.9 acres) in size and is covered in pines. A small seasonal creek runs through the center, and a year-round spring feeds into the creek. The colony is about .5 Imperial Nortons (.5 km) north of a small lake, and lies in a hilly area known as Mahogany Ridge. The landscape is replete with juniper and piñon trees, wild flowers and grasses. Butterflies abound, hence the name of the colony, for the Italian word for butterfly. This is beautiful country and the pride of Molossia.

Farfalla Colony was originally purchased in September 2003 XXVI. It was the pride of our nation for over two years; in 2005 XXVIII a flagpole was built and a bridge constructed across Deer Run Creek. However, due to economic reasons our government was forced to relinquish Farfalla back to the United States in late 2005 XXVIII. At the same time our nation gained Desert Homestead Province. In spite of the gain of Desert Homestead the loss of Farfalla was felt keenly in Molossia. In early 2015 XXXVIII our government began to explore the possibility of regaining Farfalla, and by happenstance the land was available and quickly became ours again. Thus Farfalla has been restored as a part of Molossia after almost 10 years - and the flag waves once again over our beautiful colony!
Disaster struck Molossia on Friday, 6 February 2015 XXXVIII when a powerful winter storm swept through the region. Beginning that afternoon hurricane force winds struck our nation, blasting everything in their path. Winds as strong as 144 Imperial Nortons per hour (144 kph/90 mph) slammed Molossia for over 12 hours, wreaking destruction throughout our nation. Gusts knocked over the Customs Shack and the Wishing Well in Red Square, ripped trim from the Office of the President, knocked down part of the fence on our northern frontier and tossed the Red Square fire pit through a lattice fence like a toy. Shingles were torn from nearly every roof in Molossia, including Government House. In the midst of this destruction rain began to fall in early afternoon, soon turning into a torrent that lasted most of Friday night.

Saturday morning, 7 February, dawned clear and calm and Molossia arose to assess the damage. By mid-afternoon minor repairs to roofs had been accomplished, but the real rebuilding will take time. It is estimated by the government that the fences will be repaired by Monday, but the Customs Shack will be out of commission for at least a week. It is certain to be rebuilt by the advent of tourist season on 15 April - barring any new storm damage. But another storm is in the offing and one never knows what is next in our ever-changing desert land.

MicroCon is fast approaching, 11 April 2015 in Anaheim, California. This promises to be an amazing events, a meetup of micronationalists from all over the world! Sign up online at www.molossia.org/microcon/index.html, and get your tickets there as well for the MicroCon Cotillion, the gala ball taking place that same evening!
March is here and that means spring is on its way! Spring time brings new flowers, new life and new beginnings, much like a fresh start. Have you ever wanted a fresh start, a do over? You can grant yourself that pass anytime. Just say out with the old and in with the new, from now on I'm going to be like this or like that. Don't worry about what other people think of your new changes. It's just your opinion that matters! If you're unsure then ask someone you trust. Maybe find a friend that wants a change as well and do it together! It's never too late to try new things, new styles or new hobbies. Today is your day! What will you do?

Thank you all and until next time,

Happy Spring!

~Adrianne

March Calendar

**Mir Day - March 23rd** - Remembers the day in 2001 when the former Soviet space station came crashing to Earth.

**Nathan Harrison’s Birthday - March 27th**

**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.

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