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A Few Words From The President

As I write this the nation of Russia has invaded and is trying to conquer the Ukraine. This is a deliberate assault on a peaceful, democratic nation wrought by an imperialistic aggressor bent on empire building. The death and destruction brought about by the ego of the Russian dictator, Putin, has no place in today’s world. Nations do not need to resort to violence to resolve their problems. Simple discourse and diplomacy is the answer to territorial disputes - if such disputes are necessary at all. In this case, the dispute is not legitimate, but simply naked ambition. While the Ukraine fights for its survival, allied nations are punishing Russia economically, hoping to end this unjust war. As I stated at the beginning of the war, on 24 February, “The Republic of Molossia condemns the vicious assault by Russia upon the peaceful nation of Ukraine, naked aggression and imperialism by a despotistic regime. This invasion is a crime against humanity and justice must be sought for the freedom of Ukraine.”

Molossia’s Victory Garden

The Republic of Molossia continues its foray into the new agricultural age with the advent of our Victory Garden. As mentioned last month, with the announcement of Molossia’s chicken coop, to attain more self-sufficiency our government is launching a concerted effort to produce our own food. The latest venture is the creation of a large garden, enclosed to keep out rodents, with a wide variety of vegetables grown for our nation's consumption. This garden will be titled our Victory Garden, a nod to our nation’s efforts in the ongoing war against East Germany. Victory Gardens were a staple in many nations during the First and Second World Wars, to reduce pressure on the public food supply and thus contribute to the war effort. Molossia’s Victory Garden is envisioned to do the same. While our nation, lacking as it does area and natural resources, will likely never be food self-sufficient, steps such as the chicken coop and Victory Garden are extension of our ongoing Functionality and Sustainability Project, ensuring that our infrastructure works and sustains our nation. This continuing farming initiative will certainly reduce our dependency on US markets for food as well as enhancing our independence and national pride, and makes our great nation even greater!
After seven years as a Colony of Molossia, Farfalla, our distant territory in Northern California, has been elevated to the status of Province. Farfalla Province 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 Province was originally purchased from the United States 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 was restored as a part of Molossia after almost 10 years - and the flag flew once again over our beautiful colony. For seven years the distant outpost of our nation was held in fief to American interests, but upon recent release from those bonds the Colony is now fully a sovereign part of our nation. Thus on 23 February 2022 XLV Farfalla Colony was elevated to the status of Province, finally becoming a full-fledged part of the Molossian Nation!
Molossian Broomball, Our National Sport

Let's face it, we Molossians aren't a real athletic bunch. But when the mood strikes us, we take up brooms and head out to play broomball. Sure, there's broomball such as is played on ice 'way up north in the Cheese States (as His Excellency calls them). But none of that sissy messing about on ice stuff for us Molossians! Here, we have brooms, we have a ball and we have a rock strewn dirt patch called the Alphonse Simms Memorial Cosmodrome and Broomball Field. On this dusty sward we valiantly whack that poor ball back and forth toward the vague goals (also made of rocks), and spend enormous amounts of time retrieving it from the surrounding sagebrush. Eventually we tire of this and call it a game. Rules? Not many. Hit the ball, avoid fingers and knees and aim for the goals. The team that makes the most goals, wins. And have fun!

Did You Know?

Molossia has been involved in a few wars in its short history, but they all have served on one level or another as anti-war indictments. The Mustachistan War poked fun at the idea of “micronational war”, the Dead Dog War mocked the Cold War, the Kickassia War was a media project and the East German War, still ongoing, lampoons the reasons wars start and then continue for the dumbest reasons. Wars are terrible things and the world would be a much better place without them. We should all seek peaceful solutions to the world’s problems and then it would be a much better place!

Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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

Saturday, 23 April 2022 XLV AT 10:00 AM PST (First Tour Of 2022)
Saturday, 21 May 2022 XLV AT 10:00 AM PST
Saturday, 18 June 2022 XLV AT 9:00 AM PST
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
Saturday, 8 October 2022 XLV AT 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour Of 2022)
Hello, all, March is here and spring is arriving! Flowers are ready to bloom and summer is right around the corner. Before that though is tourist season! Here in Molossia, we love to show off our nation and all the changes that have been made over the year. Every addition and upgrade is carefully thought out by the President and myself. It's so fun for repeat tourists to notice new features when they return. A little detail can go a long way. Us Molossians enjoy this as well. It's nice to see a new pathway or a new building get put up and before long it feels like it's been there the entire time! Much like when you do something new to your home, we enjoy a refresh as well. What will you notice when you visit us? Be sure to check out our calendar to find out when our next tour is and you might find your new favorite thing in Molossia!

Thank you all and until next time,

Keep looking up, you never know what you'll discover!

~Adrienne