A Few Words From The President

Recently I was asked about my greatest fears. After we eliminated spiders and snakes, well known as not big issues for me, the discussion settled on my concerns about the future of our nation. Molossia, as many micronations are, is rather personality driven. That means essentially that this nation is my creation and depends heavily on me for its continued existence. But let there be no doubt, I want Molossia to continue long after I shuffle off this mortal coil. My immediate successor of course is The First Lady. Following her I envision that the Chief Constable will take the reigns, especially given her budding interest in politics. Beyond that, who knows? Suffice to say, I plan for Molossia to exist long after I am gone. After all, while our nation may seem whimsical to some, it is a true nation to Molossians. Granted, we have a long way to go until we reach full sovereignty, and I may not see that day. But I know that day will come someday, in the capable hands of my successors, and that the glory that is Molossia will continue for many, many years to come.

Wedding Brings Three New Citizens

Our nation’s population has grown again. On 1 October 2016 XXXIX Molossian citizen and First Son Mark Baugh wed his true love, Danielle Young, in a lovely ceremony held at nearby Lake Tahoe. Along with Danielle, Mark welcomes Danielle's two daughters Jade and Lyla to his family and as a result of the nuptials Danielle, Jade and Lyla are automatically conferred Molossian citizenship. This bring our nation's population to a record 35 citizens. Over the past fourteen months, Molossia has grown by seven new citizens, explosive growth for such a small nation. Granted, most of our citizens live as expatriates in the US, but they are still part of our Molossian Family - a family now larger by three. Welcome to Molossia!
On 29 October 2016 XXXIX, His Excellency, The President, The First Lady and the First Family participated in the annual Nevada Day Parade event. Located in Carson City, Nevada, this was the 78th occasion of the parade, which takes place on or around Nevada Day, the annual celebration of the admission of Nevada as a state. Nevada was admitted to the Union on 31 October 1864. At that time, the state was a significant producer of silver and gold, and therefore played a major role in financing the Union war effort during the United States Civil War. Nevada's admission as a state helped not only to pay for the War, but ensured a northern majority in Congress afterward.

The annual Nevada Day Parade includes marching bands, floats, local business representation, Nevada dignitaries, and of course Our President and the First Family. Included were the First Lady, the Chief Constable, First Son Mark and his wife Danielle, and First Granddaughters Jade and Lyla. On this tenth appearance in the parade, His Excellency and the First Family rode in Mark's silver pickup truck. Prior to the parade, His Excellency and the Chief Constable met with several Nevada dignitaries, including Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval, Senator Dean Heller, Congressman and Senatorial candidate Joe Heck, Senatorial Candidate Catherine Cortez Masto, State Assemblyman Jim Wheeler, State Senator James Settlemeyer, and Congressional candidate Chip Evans. Almost all of these distinguished individuals knew about Molossia, which speaks well for our nation.

The parade route stretches for about 1.2 Imperial Nortons (1.2 km) through the middle of Carson City, the state capital of Nevada. Along the route several reviewing stands are set up, with announcers introducing each parade entry. As years go by the announcers get better and at pronouncing the name of our nation correctly. As the President passed the spectators, many called out, wanting to know where Molossia is located. His Excellency and the First Lady responded and the good humored crowd generally took it in stride that there was a sovereign nation right down the road from them, inside their own state. A fine time was had by all and as always we all look forward to next year's Nevada Day Parade.
Basketball and Rain

Basketball Championships

The children of Molossia are routinely exported to the United States, attending school in nearby Virginia City, Nevada. Part of their activities includes sports, and the signature sport of Virginia City is basketball. It is played by nearly every grade, and the schools are renowned for their basketball prowess. On Saturday, 15 October, Virginia City's girl's middle school basketball team, including our own Chief Constable, Alexis Baugh, squared off in the annual Sagebrush League basketball championships. The day was one of hard-fought battles on the court. In the end Virginia City bested rivals Smith Valley and Coleville, but ultimately lost to arch-rival Hawthorne 24-27. The game was a nail-biter, with both teams struggling mightily. In spite of our team's loss, we are of course very proud of them and look forward a future victory next year, when again the Lady Comstockers take to the court!

Endless Rain

For four and a half months our desert has been dry, with hardly a drop of water falling from the heavens. That all changed suddenly on Friday, 14 October when the normally still skies exploded with winds, the precursor to virtually every storm in our part of the world. After a blustery day, the rain came, the first storm of the Autumn season. Raining all Friday night, after a brief respite Saturday morning the rain began again, and this time stuck for nearly a day. The seemingly endless downpour finally eased Sunday evening and Monday morning shown bright and clear - and dry. Our area is not known for it's precipitation, and it has been especially dry over the past few years. As gloomy as it was over the weekend, we always need the rain!

In Loving Memory

Craig Hammer
1953 - 2016
Hello everyone!

November has arrived and the holidays are in full swing. November is known as the month of gratefulness and thanksgiving. It is the perfect time to count our blessings. When I think about what means the most to me my family comes to mind first. Because Molossia is a family nation it encompasses all that I am thankful for. Our home, our land, our people and our way of life. The President strives for all of his people to live a full and prosperous life and we do! I couldn't be more grateful for a leader like him. Some little things that I am thankful for are quiet time alone in this hustle and bustle world and music. Who doesn't love a good song to sing along to? No matter what is going on, everything feels just right with the world when your favorite song comes on the radio! What are some things that you are thankful for? Tell me on Twitter @molossia #gratefulMolossia. I can't wait to see all of your thoughts!

Thank you all and until next time,

Be gracious and grateful as you walk amongst others for you never know who's cup you may fill up with just a smile.

~Adrianne