## A Few Words From The President

A recent second-hand interaction with another micronation brought up the level of seriousness that we apply to our nation. I think it’s important to reiterate, as I do during every tour, that while we like to laugh and have fun here in Molossia, we are very serious about our nation and consider ourselves to be a sovereign, independent nation. To be more precise, the Republic of Molossia is a self-governing state in free association with the United States. This means that our government exercises full authority over our territory but that the US provides for our overall defense, as well as certain social services. We reserve the right to conduct our own foreign affairs and endeavor to do so continuously. We recognize that Molossia is not acknowledged as sovereign by established nations, but we seek that recognition nevertheless and look forward to the time that it will happen. We also recognize that the US is very large and we are very small and lacking in resources, thus we are somewhat dependent on that nation - a situation we also seek to improve regularly. Thus, we indeed laugh and have fun, but we are very serious about our nation indeed.

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## The Constable Becomes A Soldier

After many years of dedicated service, Molossia's Chief Constable is entering a new phase in her life, the United States Army. Chief Constable Alexis Baugh has served as the head of law enforcement in our nation for ten years, ensuring that all is orderly within our nation during countless monthly visitor tours and at all times in between. Now, she has embarked upon a new career, as a soldier with the Nevada Army National Guard. Ms. Baugh will travel to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri to train to be a combat engineer, a vocation that includes both construction and demolition in wartime environments. Upon completion of training early next year, Ms. Baugh will return to Molossia and make use of her combat skills during monthly weekend guard drills while attending college during the week. We are quite proud of this new direction that our Chief Constable has taken in life, and look forward with excitement to the adventures she will now have as a soldier in the U.S. Army!
Bounty From The Molossia Farm!

Molossia is a tiny nation and lacking in resources. As such we have very little to export to support our economy. In fact, the joke in our nation is that our two main exports are our children off to school and trash to the United States. Lately however, with the advent of the Molossia Farm, we finally have true exports. Molossia’s chickens produce eggs and as of last week those eggs became the first real export to customers outside of our nation. Along with that we exported corn and zucchini, fresh from Molossia's Victory Garden. Of course the eggs and produce aren’t just for export, they feed our nation as well. The tomatoes go into our salads and the zucchini makes a great side dish. And corn from Molossia’s cornfield not only became part of our meals but has also been made into delicious cornbread, a wonderful accomplishment indeed.

All in all, Molossia's Farm has enhanced our nation, an added element in our ongoing quest for sovereignty and functionality and one that will serve us well for many years!
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Desert Homestead Province

The Mojave Desert was one of the last places in the "lower 48" where the United States federal government granted free homesteads to anyone who was willing to improve the land. Five-acre parcels were deeded by the federal government under the Small Tract Act of 1938, one of the last of the government's homestead acts. The government's goal was to distribute 1,849 sRM (457,000 ac) of desert that the Bureau of Land Management deemed disposable, most of it in California. By the time the act was repealed in 1976, about 36% of the land was privately owned. The rest is federally protected desert.

In the early 1950's, James E. Baugh, patriarch of the Baugh Family and grandfather of the President of Molossia, obtained 7,902 sRN (5 ac) of desert land under the auspices of the Small Tract Act. Under amendments to the act, homesteaders were granted a deed only if they built a structure with dimensions not less than 20.5 No x 27.4 No (12 by 16 ft). No water or power was required. In accordance with these requirements, and with the assistance of his brother, Bob, he proceeded to construct a small building in the forbidding desert, a homestead "shack". The shack was never much to look at, four walls, a roof, a door and some windows, all installed over time as money and materials allowed. This done, Mr. Baugh had fulfilled the requirements of the Act. In spite of only sporadic subsequent visits, the property was nevertheless fully granted to him in 1988. The shack, however, has long since been dismantled, probably by desert dwellers seeking building materials for their own shacks. Nothing remains today but the concrete slab.

Desert Homestead is a province of the Republic of Molossia. It is located in western San Bernardino County, about 31 IN (31 km / 19 mi) northeast of the town of Yucca Valley, California. Desert Homestead is exactly five acres in size and is open low desert, with mostly sand, scrub brush and creosote bushes. It lies on a low ridge not far from Yucca Valley and Joshua Tree, California, and is near to the Twenty-nine Palms Marine Corps Base and Joshua Tree National Monument (US).

In addition to being a province of our Republic, Desert Homestead is also a National Monument. It evokes not only the memory of the last Homestead Act of the United States, but also the memory of James E. Baugh, who had a dream to create a small legacy for his family in the desert. This legacy continues today, here in this harsh but lovely land.

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Hello all! October is here and it's my birthday month. I always get such great gifts from my friends and family. Just the fact that they're thinking of me is the ultimate gift! This year, I'm more grateful than ever for my family. Through thick and thin, they're always there. This birthday will be a bit different as the Chief Constable will still be away at basic training. Sometimes we take for granted when people are around all the time, until they are not. My brain says that she is safe and learning all kinds of new things, but my heart says I miss her. I know she is absolutely fine. It's funny the way your mind plays tricks on you, a short time can feel like forever. It doesn't matter how old we get, it's interesting to learn new things about yourself. How can I apply what I've learned in the past to help me through this time? Can we train emotions? I'm not sure. The one thing that I am sure of is that we are all still learning. So, what can I do? I can read and learn about what she is doing so that I stay connected. I can write letters and take pictures for her. I can do activities that make me happy so that I'm fulfilled in other ways. The ultimate question is: time will pass, how will I spend it? I will spend it happily, by listening to my brain and by sharing my experiences and emotions with you and others in my life. Here in Molossia we go through struggles the same as others. We are real people with real hearts.

If you'd like to send the Chief Constable a letter or note of encouragement you can send them to me and I'll forward it along to her. We are very proud of her and she will do great things!

Thank you all and until next time, enjoy the little moments in your life as this is the good old days.

~Adrianne