



A Few Words from the President

Well, June was certainly an interesting month, with two expeditions to far-flung locales. Our Lava Beds mission of the Molossia Rangers was a success and we saw some amazing things on that trek. The Naval Infantry mission to Lake Lahontan was less than stellar but was a fun challenge nevertheless. We always have a good time in Molossia! The arrival of July brings with it the promise of many more tourists, as well as a State Visit from Queen Anastasia of Ruritania and another Naval Mission, this time to the crystal clear waters of nearby Lake Tahoe. In other news, we are in early discussions for another possible TV series and we have sought ideas for that via our Facebook Group to augment that project. We have also planned out the design for our new Bottle House, which will be built in Red Square, if the weather cools enough to get started. There are always great things happening in our nation, so stay posted - who knows what's next in the Republic of Molossia!



Inside this issue:

<i>Labontan Naval Mission</i>	2
<i>Lava Beds Adventure</i>	3
<i>Visitors, Railroad and Puzzle</i>	4
<i>Calendar and Weather</i>	5
<i>Last Word With The First Lady</i>	5

Pictures from Molossia!



Double Rainbow Over Molossia!



The Molossian Naval Infantry ready for action!



Cookies from the Oregon Cookie Company!

Labontan Naval Mission

23 June 2013 XXXVI

On 23 June 2013 XXXVI, the Molossian Navy and Naval Infantry launched a long-planned mission to invade Sandpiper Island. Sandpiper Island is located in Lake Labontan, a reservoir about 48 Imperial Nortons (48 km/30 mi) east of Molossia. This lake has been the site of several Naval missions over the years, including the recent launch of the Rocket Torpedo. This latest mission was planned as an opportunity to let the Molossian Naval Infantry practice water-borne invasion techniques, including wargames on the island to capture the flag.

After preparation and travel to Lake Labontan the Naval Infantry arrived at about 2:00 PM MST. They immediately deployed the Molossian fleet of inflatable kayaks and quickly set out on the water toward the island. It rapidly became apparent, however, that the mission would not go as planned. Foul weather intervened and strong winds created a heavy chop on the lake. The kayakers were in danger of swamping and proved difficult to maneuver in the turbulent waters and howling winds. The decision was made to sail for the nearest shore, which was far from the launching point. Driven by the wind and awash in the waves, three out of four kayakers nevertheless arrived quickly at the muddy shore. In the meantime, the fourth, piloted by Nathan, actually arrived at Sandpiper Island, only to have to turn around and return. Nathan struggled through the waves, rowing mightily, and finally arrived at the shore after a harrowing journey. Now beached far from their start point, soaking wet and covered in mud, the redoubtable Naval Infantry had little choice but to trek overland to their starting point. A half hour later, after traversing mud, dunes and beaches, the team arrived back where they started, and loaded up for the return to Molossia. Thus ended this mission, which, while not successful nevertheless taught our Naval Infantry valuable lessons about the capabilities of their assault craft - and about themselves. They showed strength and perseverance as always and vowed to return soon and complete their mission.



Objective: Sandpiper Island.



Ready for action!



Braving the waters.



Rescuing a comrade.



The First Lady hauling gear.



Muddy and wet.



Trekking back.

Lava Beds Adventure

12 June 2013 XXXVI

On 8 – 10 June 2013 XXXVI, the Molossia Rangers embarked on their latest adventure, a trip to Lava Beds National Monument. This expedition was done in conjunction with the Molossian Institute of Volcanology, which 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.

On the morning of 8 June the Rangers set out for the Lava Beds, traveling five hours north from Molossia to reach the park. The voyage included a brief stop in Alturas, California, the location of the former Molossian colony of Farfalla. While no longer a part of Molossia, the flagpole erected there eight years ago still stands, as does a short bridge built to reach the flagpole. This was a source of pride for His Excellency, The President who waxed poetic over the now defunct colony. Shortly thereafter the Rangers arrived in the remote community of Tionesta, where they set up Outpost Molossia at the Hawk's Nest campground. The rest of that day was spent camping and preparing for the expedition to the Lava Beds.

The next morning, the team set out for the Lava Beds, arriving at about 10:30 AM MST. They quickly leapt into the main activity of the park, exploring the many lava tube caves. The Rangers first explored Mushpot Cave, a short lighted cave, ideal as an introduction to lava tubes. Then the team explored Golden Dome cave, Garden Bridges and then Catacombs Cave, where they narrowly avoided becoming lost by quick thinking and being observant. The last cave on the loop was Sentinel, after which they traveled further afield to Skull Cave, which has an ice floor and Merrill Cave which formerly had an ice floor. This was followed by an exploration of Fleener Chimneys, a series of spatter cones, and finally a journey to Captain Jack's Stronghold, the bastion from which the Modoc Indians fought US troops during the 1872-1873 Modoc War.

Further expeditions were cancelled when the Ranger's van developed engine trouble, which resulted in a tow truck ride to nearby Klamath Falls and a night there. The next day the Rangers set out for home, arriving back in Molossia late in the afternoon. This concluded a successful, although tumultuous, mission for our dauntless Rangers, with always more to come!



Outpost Molossia, Tionesta.



Ready for caving.



Crawling in Catacombs Cave.



Inside Sentinel Cave.



Stairs into Skull Cave.

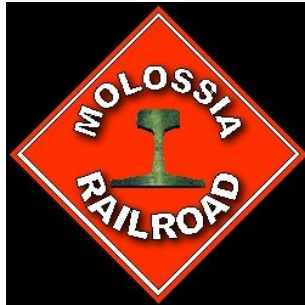


Skull Cave.

Help Us Build The Molossia Railroad!

Help Us Build a Riding Railroad in Molossia!

We are seeking to build a riding railroad that will cross the Republic of Molossia. We are world-famous and receive dozens of tourists each year. This railroad would transport them throughout our nation and make their visit to our tiny nation all the more exciting. Help us build the Molossia Railroad and come join the fun in the Republic of Molossia



<https://rally.org/buildthemolossiarailroad/c/7XdoN2xIjk>

This Month's Visitors



Zachary, Daniel and Jacquelyn



Marge and Ed



Dorothy and Bonnie

Molossia Word Search #2

R A C W D A E I G V Q E M R L
 N E E O N N R S C X A W G E H
 C Z G T V D N V B S E M F P U
 K O H A N V T T T U L D O U V
 U E O S L E Z G P V O H U B A
 M J Y K M H E X S E P D N L T
 F W Y A I R A O L H E T D I H
 W O O Y M E A T S Y C W E C C
 N Y V A P C D F H D A A R B X
 R G N Z L N Q O O G E P S G Z
 S Y S L A D E M U T P D D M E
 A X M T V B J Y H G A S A X H
 R E D S Q U A R E S H O Y X T
 K R A P N O T R O N A L C A A
 Y P O S H N G L U E D S U Z B

ANTHEM
EASTGERMANY
NORTONPARK
REGALHAT

COATOFARMS
FOUNDERSDAY
PEACEPOLE
REPUBLIC

COOKIEDOUGH
MEDALS
REDSQUARE
SASH

Republic of Molossia

Government of the Republic of Molossia
226 Mary Lane
Dayton, NV 89403
USA

Visit Molossia's website at
www.molossia.org.

We're also on Facebook, at
www.tinyurl.com/MolossiaFacebook

And follow us on Twitter at
www.twitter.com/Molossia.

July Calendar

- **St. Swithun's Day** - July 15th. No particular reason, it just sounds funny. And it never rains in Molossia on St. Swithun's Day.
- **Tranquility Day** - July 20th. Remembers the day in 1969 when men first landed on the Moon.
- **President's Day** - July 30th. Birthday of His Excellency, the President. Actually celebrated as many times as possible during July, culminating with a trip to the Olive Garden, on or about July 30th.
- **Bryce Cardoza's Birthday - July 24th**
- **Mark Baugh's Birthday - July 29th**

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.

	Molossia	US
Maximum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	37° C / 99° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	8° C / 47° F
Average High Temperature	22° C / 72° F	27° C / 81° F
Average Low Temperature	22° C / 72° F	8° C / 47° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	4.1 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady



Summer is in full tilt and that means vacationing and lots of free time. What are you doing this summer to fill your time? Exploring new horizons? Science experiments? Reading? Trying out a new hobby? Starting your own country or working on one that you've already created is a very good creative outlet. Need help? That is what we are here for! You can contact the President at president@molossia.org, or me, the First Lady, at first-lady@molossia.org.

Staying busy both mentally and physically is the key to life! I know that we here in the Republic of Molossia have been super busy this summer. Check out our news articles and follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see what we have been up to. More importantly, tell me what you have been doing! Email me or post it on twitter @molossia use hash tag #summerfun. Remember, not everything you do has to succeed. The important thing is that you tried and that you made it fun along the way.

Thank you all and until next time....

Explore, brave explorers! :)