



*A Few Words from the President*



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Well, it's that time of year again, the holiday season! A time for gatherings and fellowship and a time for good cheer. As Molossia is a family nation, these traditions are important to us, and we thus place great emphasis on family gatherings. So, as other activities wane in December, Christmas and other holidays celebrations reign supreme. This month we will celebrate Christmas around the National Christmas Tree in Government House, and then Boxing Day (with accompanying shepherd's pie) the day after. And, like most, we will count down the minutes to the new year (even though our official new year celebration is also Chinese New Year). And of course we will be sending out our annual Christmas Cards again this year. So join us in this season of merriment and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



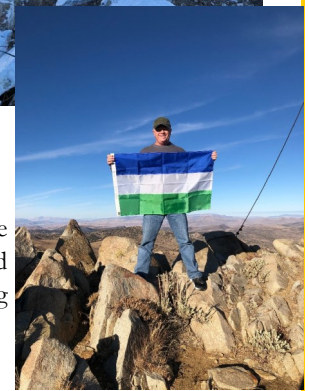
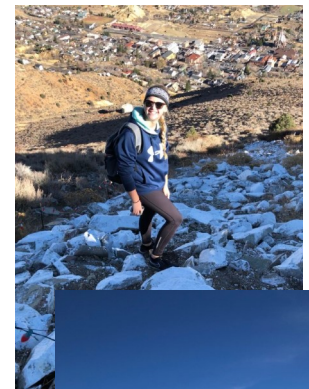
*Momentous Mountain Ascent*

5 November 2018

The Republic Molossia lies within Storey County, Nevada and the highest point of Storey County is Mount Davidson, a mountain just behind the mining town of Virginia City. It was this peak that the President and Chief Constable set out to climb on 25 November 2018 XLI. High on the side of the mountain is a giant letter "V", painted on rocks and illuminated at night, symbolizing Virginia City. This was the target of the first leg of the climb, reached after an hour of climbing. Another hour of scrambling up steep slopes and snow-covered rocks brought the two adventurers to the summit of Mount Davidson, at 13,488 Nortons (7,868 ft / 2,398 m). After displaying the Molossian flag atop the mountain, the duo then settled down for a lunch of US Army Meals, Ready to Eat (MRE), before beginning the slow descent. Finally The President and Chief Constable reached the start point of their climb back in Virginia City, after a grueling 4.5 hour expedition, their return only slightly delayed while observing a herd of deer. Mission accomplished, the duo returned to Molossia content with a job well done: ascending the highest peak of the many mountains surrounding our nation.



Mount Davidson and Virginia City



Chief Constable On The Rocks and The President And The Flag



# Guy Fawkes Celebration

5 November 2018

On 5 November 2018 XLI, Molossians celebrated our eighth annual Guy Fawkes Night. Guy Fawkes Night, or Bonfire Night, is a popular event in Great Britain, dating back to the foiled Gunpowder Plot of 5 November 1605 when Guy Fawkes and 13 of his cohorts conspired to blow up Parliament and King James I of England. After the plot was uncovered and the conspirators executed, the 5th of November became an official holiday in Great Britain, adopted likewise a few years ago in Molossia, in recognition of our English roots. Prior to the holiday, Molossian citizens gathered in Government House and created their own Guys, to burn in effigy. That done, on the 5th of November the bonfire in Norton Park was lit and Molossians



Guy In The Fire

gathered for the evening festivities. Dinner was bangers and mash, Molossian style, accompanied by hot apple cider and apples dipped in caramel. Then the Guy Fawkes rhyme was recited by the company, after which the Guys were committed to the bonfire, one by one, the President's going in last. The evening was concluded with gentle revelry around the fire until it became coals and the celebrants dispersed. A fine time was had by all and we all look forward to next year's Guy Fawkes Night!



The Many Guy's of Molossia



Guy Fawkes Revelers



## MOLOSSIA HOLIDAYS

Crossword puzzle grid with clues:

**Across**

- 3. Day for Giving Gifts
- 7. First Lady's Birthday
- 8. New Orleans Festival

**Down**

- 1. Also known as Bonfire Night
- 2. The President's Birthday
- 4. Patron Saint of Molossia
- 5. The day we became a nation
- 6. Adopted Chinese Festival





# World War I Remembrance

11 November 2018

On 11 November 2018 XLI, the Republic of Molossia held a remembrance ceremony marking the end of the First World War, and the Armistice that brought over 4 years of bloody conflict to an end. The ceremony was held at 2:00 AM PST, the time adjusted for time zones to be held at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, Paris time, exactly 100 years after the Armistice came in to effect and the War ended. The President and First Lady gathered at Molossia's Heroes Monument, decorated with the flags of the belligerent nations, where The President laid a poppy wreath and gave a short speech about the horrors of war and the eternal quest for peace. The War to End All Wars was not the last conflict the world has seen of course, but the gargantuan struggle was one of sacrifice and valor, and those sacrifices bear solemn remembrance and recognition that all might seek daily as we as well seek peace for all mankind.



Remembrance Ceremony



Laying The Wreath

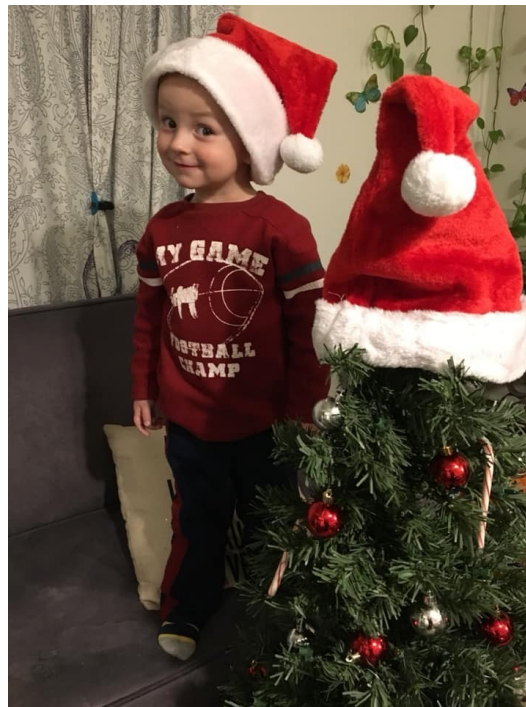
His Excellency, The President's Speech:

Ladies and Gentleman, we gather today to mark the end of the First World War, and to recognize the sacrifices of the men and women that served, fought and died in that mighty conflict. World War I was one of the deadliest conflicts in history, in which over 16 million people died. Through four long year of death and destruction soldiers, sailors fought valiantly, struggling to fight and survive in the face of overwhelming odds. Although we gather for this remembrance at an early hour here in Molossia there is no sacrifice that we might make that would rival those made by the brave men and women who fought in that war. The First World War ended at 11:00 am, 11 November 1918. This day, Armistice Day, was designated as a day to celebrate the end of World War I, dedicated to the cause of world peace. But above all, this day recognizes those that served, that fought and died, those gave that last full measure. To them we say thank you for your sacrifice, and we share with you the hope for everlasting peace among all mankind.

## Around Molossia...



Captain Bill Woods Proudly Flying the Molossian Flag Aboard the "Lucky Dog", Plying the Waters of the Arkansas River!



Molossian Bradley Harrison Is Getting Ready For Christmas!

## Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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

Saturday, 27 April 2019 XLII at 10:00 AM PST (first tour of the year)



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| 6. Qringming   | 8. MardiGras      |
| 5. FoundersDay | 7. DayOfMerriment |
| 4. SEExpeditus | 2. PresidentsDay  |
| 1. GuyFawkes   | 3. Christmas      |
| Down           | Across            |

### CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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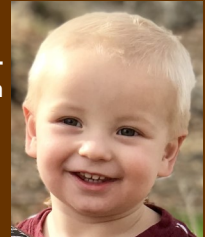
## December Calendar

- **Christmas Day - December 25th** The biggest holiday of the year, celebrated with presents, music, Christmas movies, Christmas cookies and lasagna for Christmas Dinner . The Christmas Eve meal is a more traditional fare of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, etc.
- **Boxing Day - December 26th** Celebrated with our own version of "Shepherd's Pie".



• **Bradley Harrison's Birthday - December 18th**

• **Penny Baugh's Birthday - December 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.

	Molossia	US
Maximum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	23° C / 74° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-10° C / 14° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	16° C / 44° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	2.3 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

## *The Last Word With The First Lady*



The countdown to Christmas has begun! December has arrived and the holiday season is in full swing! Hopefully everyone was able to spend time with their friends and family for Thanksgiving or are making plans for Christmas. Family and friends are so important. Some people have family that lives far away or family that they don't get along with. Some people don't have much family at all. The holidays are a time that everyone should try to put those differences aside for the greater good and be thankful that we have each other. Here in Molossia we have a bountiful family. A never ending parade of cousins and aunts and uncles. Always someone to talk to or to do something with. If you don't have much family then it is important to be close to friends. Look around and think about your friends. Think about who doesn't have very much family and see if you can invite them to be with you during the holidays. Even better than a present underneath the tree, someone that is there for you is a gift that lasts a lifetime. Who can you give that gift to?

Merry Christmas!

~Adrienne

