



A Few Words From The President

The December holidays are behind us now and it's time to look ahead to what the coming year will bring to our nation. The months of January through March are the prime winter months in our mountain region, with frequent snow and hurricane force winds. Indeed we have already seen quite a bit of snow this winter, with more to come, which is good because our desert needs the water! But in spite of the ferocious weather, the first three months of the year are also months of renewal. This is the time that we build and create, as we prepare for the upcoming tourist season. We like using this time for construction as it not only readies our nation for visitors but it also frees our resources up for other, more exciting activities in the warmer months. We like having adventures here in Molossia, and readying our infrastructure first makes those adventures possible later in the year. This coming year we anticipate more expeditions afield, outside our nation, as we explore the world beyond our borders. But all must be ready within before we travel without, so it's its time to get to work!



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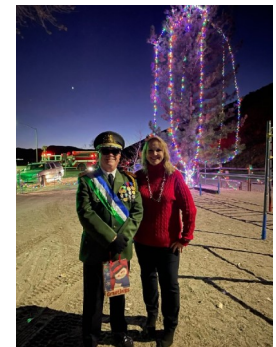
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Small Town Christmas

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The Christmas Season is upon us, and in what has become an annual tradition, His Excellency, The President and The First Lady visited the annual Dayton Small Town Christmas, a tree-lighting and holiday event held in nearby downtown Dayton, in the town park. The President donated canned goods to the needy, passed out candy canes to children and visited Santa with the First Lady, while mingling with the festive holiday crowd. As always, Molossians are very popular in the community outside our door, and it's a pleasure to celebrate and share the Christmas holiday with them. Of course the event is an excellent opportunity to spread awareness of our nation as well as being great fun!



Festive First Couple



Meeting Santa



Passing Out Candy Canes



Meeting Fans

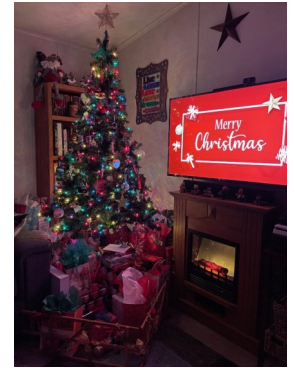
Molossian Christmas

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The National Christmas Tree In Republic Square.

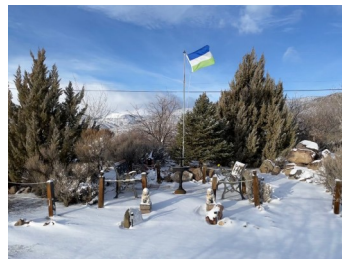
Christmas is a major holiday in Molossia and a time of great tradition as well as festivity. Traditionally a three-day celebration, the holiday actually began on December 24th with a big Molossian family gathering. Molossians gathered from miles around in Government House to exchange gifts and engage in family revelry. Christmas Eve dinner consisted this year of a wide variety of snacks and goodies and Christmas Eve activities including watching Christmas movies, baking (and eating) cookies and other treats, and drinking eggnog. The evening ended with the reading of the "Night Before Christmas", a Molossian tradition. Christmas morning, December 25th, began early, as the family descended upon the pile of presents beneath the National Christmas Tree. Once the present-opening ended, Christmas breakfast was made and served, and afterward the family headed out from our nation to the US, to watch a movie and enjoy a Christmas dinner over the border. Boxing Day is on December 26th, and is the last day of the Christmas holidays. While no special events usually take place, dinner on Boxing Day this year was spaghetti, in keeping with Molossia's Italian heritage. This wrapped up the Christmas events for the year, with everyone eagerly looking forward to the distant arrival of next year's Christmas.



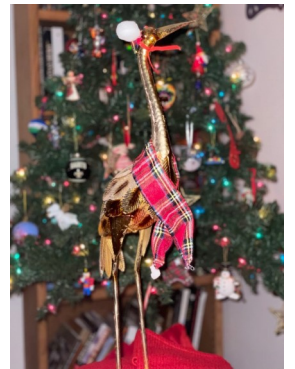
The National Christmas Tree Inside Government House.



The Molossian Family Gathered for the Holiday.



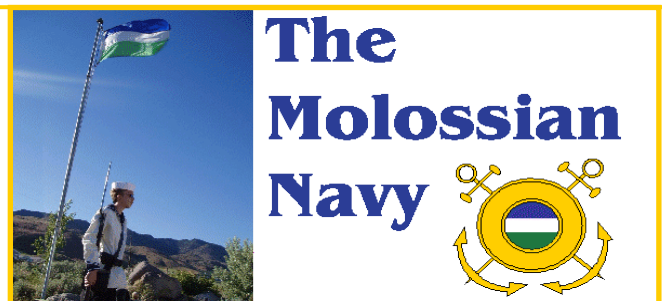
A White Christmas in Republic Square.



Molossia's Traditional Christmas Crane, Decorated for the Holiday.



Molossia's Annual Christmas Card.



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Around Molossia...



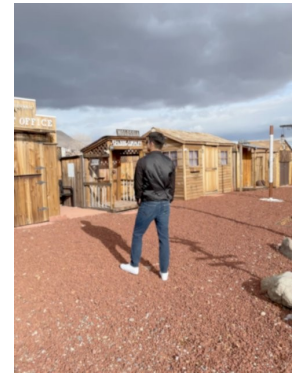
Snowy Winter Day in Molossia!



Festive Molossian Gingerbread House



15 December was Zamenhof Day, celebrating Esperanto, the second language of Molossia. Esperanto is a constructed international auxiliary language, created by L. L. Zamenhof in the 19th century, with over 2 million speakers (including a small group of native speakers). It is meant for communication between people from different nations who do not share a common first language. It is used throughout Molossia, so look for signs in Esperanto when visiting our nation!



Could it be? Seen in Molossia, JFK Jr, long-deceased Kennedy scion and QAnon icon. It's not Dealey Plaza but could it be true?

Did You Know?

Molossia has a Navy! Yes, in spite of our desert location, our nation has a Navy, consisting of several inflatable kayaks and even a couple of remote submersibles. We deploy the Navy regularly to bodies of water over the border in the US, such as nearby Lake Tahoe. Our Navy conducts voyages of exploration and survey, but of course it is also responsible for the defense of our nation, a task it performs very well! Hooray for the Molossian Navy!



Spyglass Hill
The Molossian Naval Academy

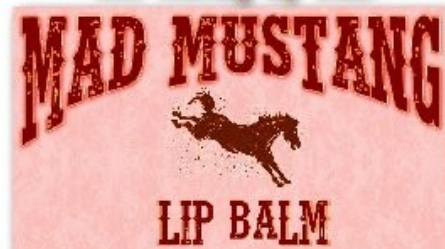
Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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)



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January Calendar

Emperor Norton I Day - January 8th

In memory of Emperor Norton I, Emperor of the United States and protector of Mexico.

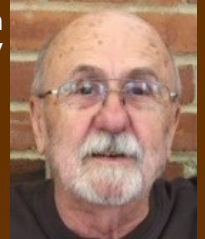
Molossaphone Day - 28 January

A day to laud our National Musical Instrument, the Molossaphone!

6 January - Mary Mercurio's Birthday



26 January - Tom Baugh's Birthday



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	18° C / 65° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-12° C / 10° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	3° C / 37° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	400 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

Hello all, January is here and the new year has begun. New year new you, right? January is full of resolutions and new beginnings. Maybe you've had an excellent year and it's just continuing into this one, or maybe it's time for a change. The only one who knows this is you. You don't have to wait for a special moment in order to make something happen. The question is, what matters to you and how much are you willing to do to get it? You may think that you have to do something drastic, but sometimes a tiny change could have the biggest impact. A small change done over and over is sure better than a big one done once. Are you trying to get healthy, learn a new language, write? Whatever you're doing, small and consistent is the key. A few minutes each day will yield such great results. Let's see what we can do together. Join me on Twitter with the hashtag #molossianewyear and tell me what you're working on. I can't wait to see what this year brings, for Molossia and you!



Thank you all and until next time, you do you in 2022!
~Adrienne