



# The Mustang

## A Few Words From The President

Last year was a busy one, a lot of traveling, a lot of diplomacy at home and abroad, and a host of other events. All of these activities were wonderful, but they were sometimes a distraction, too, taking us away from the more basic routine events and activities that are the bedrock of our nation. This year then I think we'll get back to some of those basics. Every year we launch one or two naval missions during summer. We missed that last year, but we'll be back at it again this year. We also missed our annual voyage to our distant province of Farfalla - although we were able to visit Desert Homestead for the first time in many years last year. As well, this coming year we'll hold the Misfit Regatta again, always great fun, and we'll be opening the Molossia Time Capsule for the first time since 2020. A lot has happened since then, so it should be fascinating to see what's inside! In addition, I think this coming year promises to be a tumultuous one for our giant neighbor over the border, so strengthening Molossia a little isn't a bad idea. As always we seek to have fun, in the coming year making and keeping Molossia the greatest nation on earth!



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## Around Molossia...



The President and First Lady at the AirPark Christmas Party!



Woola Meets Santa Claus!



The President and First Lady at Dayton's Small Town Christmas!



Molossians Lily and Bradley celebrating their birthdays, 4 and 8!



The President Conquering the Ropes Course!

# Molossian Christmas

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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 small Molossian family gathering. Christmas Eve dinner consisted this year of a light fare of various snacks and desserts, especially Christmas cookies. 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. Later, Molossians gathered from miles around in Government House to exchange gifts and engage in family revelry, including playing Christmas games. Once the present-opening ended the rest of the day was spent relaxing, enjoying gifts and watching movies. 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 is usually shepherd's pie, Molossian style. 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 in Republic Square



The National Christmas Tree Inside Government House.



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



The Molossian Family Gathered for the Holiday.

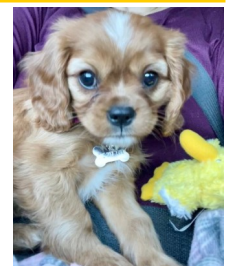


Molossia's Annual Christmas Card.

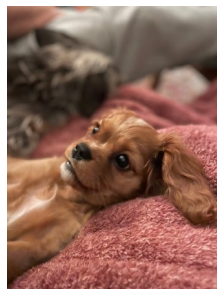
# Molossia's Newest Citizen

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Here in the Republic of Molossia, with our tiny population, we are proud to count our dogs among our citizens. They are loyal, protective and often entertaining. Thus it was without hesitation that in the month of November we added one new resident to our canine population, Woola Baugh. Woola is a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, a British breed of toy spaniel. She is named after the Martian dog from the John Carter series of books by Edgar Rice Burroughs. The first puppy to arrive in Molossia in over eight years, Woola is the apple of the First Lady's eye. Woola is our 39th citizen, in our ever-growing population, a wonderful, bouncy addition to our great nation!



Baby Woola





### Back Forty National Park

Back Forty National Park opened June 1st, 2003 XXVI, as the second national park within the Republic of Molossia. The park includes over half of the Molossian Home Territory, an area of boulders, washes and the Lone Tree, as well as the Molossia National Cemetery. The park is set aside as a natural area within our nation for the purpose of preserving the natural ecosystem of the high desert and maintaining a viable habitat for the many animals and plants that call Molossia home.

Back Forty National Park lies in the interior half of the Molossian Home Territory. It is toured via the Trans-Molossia Interpretive Trail. It can be reached only by visiting the Republic itself.



Feliĉan Esperanto-Tagon! Esperanto estas la dua lingvo de Molossia kaj ekzistas ekde la fondo de nia nacio en 1977 I. Esperanto estas konstruita lingvo, origine kreita en 1859 de Doktoro L. L. Zamenhof. Ĝi estis desegnita por esti "ponto" lingvo inter kulturoj, por forigi la bezonon lerni la lingvon de alia nacio por komuniki. Anstataŭe oni lernus Esperanton, same kiel la alia homo, konservante sian propran lingvon, tamen povante bone komuniki kun aliaj. Ĉi tie en Molossia, signoj kaj pli estas en Esperanto kaj ni komunikas kun ĝi ĉiutage. 15 decembro estas Esperanto-Tago, aŭ Zamenhof-Tago, kiam ni festas nian duan lingvon. Aliĝu al ni kaj lernu Esperanton!

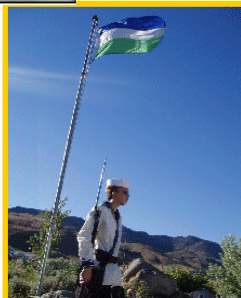
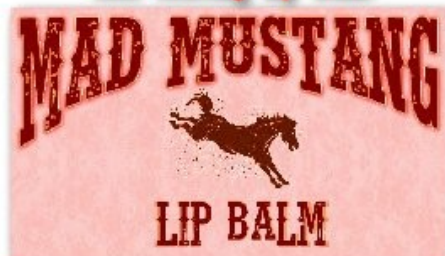
### Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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

- Saturday, 27 April 2024, 10:00 AM PST (First Tour of 2024)
- Saturday, 18 May 2024, 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 22 June 2024, 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 13 July 2024, 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 10 August 2024, 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 14 September 2024, 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 12 October 2024, 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour Of 2024)



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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.

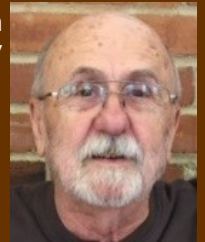
### Molossaphone Day - 28 January

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

### 6 January - Mary Mercurio's Birthday



### 27 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 / 64° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-8° C / 17.6° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	5° C / 41° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	6.84 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

## *The Last Word With The First Lady*

Hello all, January is here and this begins a new year. A new year for Molossia and all of us! This is the time for resolutions, reflection and looking ahead. A new social trend is a personal 2024 bingo card. The idea is to write down things you'd like to do and you can make it a game. What would be on Molossia's bingo card? Here are my ideas: new citizen, volcano, more than 2 parades, 5 state visits, space ship, Founder's Day celebration, 2 Mollywood movies, train improvements, land expansion... I need 24 total. I'll need to keep thinking. I'll also think about what would be on my own bingo card. Is it health, fun, travel, financial? How about you? Would you be interested in this type of game over traditional resolutions? I made a resolution years ago to not make resolutions anymore- just do what's right as you feel it, so far it's working great! No matter how you celebrate the new year, we hope you a safe, happy and healthy year ahead. I can't wait to share this year with you all!



Thank you and until next time..

Keep the sun on your shoulders and a smile in your heart.

~Adrienne