



His Excellency, The President's Founder's Day Speech

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My fellow Molossians, friends and family, Greetings.

Today marks the 39th birthday of our nation, 39 years of growth and achievement, 39 years of building our nation from an idea to a reality. Each day brings new accomplishments to Molossia, each day is another brick in the foundation that we are building into a great nation.

This past year has been one of amazing changes for Molossia. Of greatest note is the growth of our population. Over the past twelve months our nation has grown by four with the addition of new

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Arrow Adventure

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In the distant wilds of the US, just outside Reno, Nevada, lies the remains of a forgotten piece of aviation history. On a windswept hill overlooking the city is a cracked concrete arrow, obscured by weeds and pointing toward the former Reno Airport, now a golf course. 90 years ago this arrow was part of a network of such signs, placed throughout the US to help guide the brave aviators of the nascent airmail service. Accompanied by a lighted tower, the arrows pointed out the route for pilots to travel, from town to town. As time passed, and air navigation and communication improved, the arrows and beacons became obsolete. The towers were largely sacrificed as scrap metal during World War II and the arrows themselves were sometimes destroyed so that they wouldn't aid any potential invaders. A few remain, scattered in lonely spots around the country, and on 29 May 2016 XXXIX it was one such arrow remaining outside Reno that Molossians set out to find. On a warm Sunday afternoon, His Excellency, The President and the Chief Constable sallied forth into the hills west of Reno, traveling 5 Imperial Nortons (5 km/3 mi) along an irrigation canal known locally as the Steamboat Ditch, before making a final climb to the arrow. Having reached their destination, the explorers took pictures, admired the view and had lunch on the arrow, while imagining the brave aviators of old using this beacon among others to find their way. Their mission accomplished, the duo trekked homeward along the canal, having achieved their goal - and for a moment, touched history.



The Molossian Flag At The Arrow

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Molossian citizens Jacques Morrow and his fiancée Christina, their son and Presidential grandson Noah, born in March.

In addition, Presidential grandson Bradley was born in December to Molossian Kaylin Harrison, bringing our population to 32, a record for our tiny country.

Molossia received a great deal of media attention this past year. CNN visited our nation twice, once last August and again this April. Both news articles garnered a great deal of attention for Molossia, from around the world. In addition, our nation was featured in National Geographic Magazine, and, further afield, on German and Japanese television shows. Closest to home, Molossia was featured in Nevada Day Magazine, which accompanies the annual Nevada Day Parade, in which The First Lady and I always appear. All of these media appearances have served well to make our nation better known around the world.

This attention has greatly increased the number of tourists that want to visit Molossia. This year alone we have already had 48 visitors, spurring my challenge that we will surpass the nation of Nauru this year for the number of tourists we receive. Last year was a busy year for visitors as well, not the least of which included the actor Jack Black and producer Jared Hess, preparing for their upcoming Micronations movie – a film inspired by Molossia.

In addition to our routine visitors, Molossia hosted two special events that brought additional tourists to our nation. Molossia is featured in the website Atlas Obscura, which profiles unusual locations around the world. Once a year there is a special day to celebrate some of these places, called Obscura Day. On Obscura Day in late May 2015 and Obscura Day in mid-April 2016, Molossia welcomed Obscura adventurers to our borders – this year even included the founder of Atlas Obscura himself, Dylan Thuras.

Two minor disasters struck Molossia over the past year. In June and again in July on 2015 Molossia was hit by two flash floods, following torrential rains. Thankfully there was only minor damage, mostly to the Trans-Molossia trail. Another calamity was an influenza epidemic which struck in February of 2016, affecting nearly every resident Molossian. Fortunately all recovered, a credit to the strong constitutions of our citizens.

Molossia saw a few forays into science over the past twelve months, including observing an eclipse last September, an expedition to the then-dry Carson River, also in September, and early this year a venture to Heliotrope Falls, our national park located in the hills not far from our Home Territory, also to study drought effects.

In January of this year Molossia entered into the industrial age, melting aluminum in our new foundry. This foundry has been a great success and plans have been made to use the smelted aluminum to create coins for our nation.

2016 marked the first time we reopened our Time Capsule, first buried in 2012, giving Molossians a snapshot of our lives four years ago. This done, the capsule was promptly reburied for another four years, with messages to the future us and mementoes of life in 2016 Molossia.

In other events over the past year, I was fortunate to survive an assassination attempt last August – showing that we must remain ever vigilant against the enemies of our nation. I also established a new holiday, Bribe Day, to give Molossians the opportunity to influence me to improve their lives. And of course, the Molossian Navy took to the waves again last summer, on a mission to survey the effects of the ongoing drought on nearby Lake Tahoe. This mission will deploy the Navy again this summer.

Always busy times and always interesting times. Molossia is a living, vibrant nation and one that world increasingly looks toward with interest. Every day we work together to make our nation a better place, a more remarkable place than it already is. We have already accomplished so much and there is much more that needs doing. I know that we are up to this challenge for we are Molossians, strong, proud and true!

God Bless You, Long Live Molossia!

Molossia Tourist Challenge

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2016 has been an amazing year for visitors to our nation, with travelers from all over the world arriving at our doorstep. On Saturday, 21 May 2016 Molossia was even a stop for a motorcycle quest. The Big Money Rally 2016 is a motorcycle rally, with the object being for riders to visit bonus locations throughout the USA, and to document their visit with a picture using their cell phones. This year Molossia was a bonus location and a few brave riders trekked through the wilds of Nevada to reach our nation. In addition, in the midst of motorcycles rolling in and



out of our nation, we were visited by a family of six from distant Elko, Nevada, passing by Molossia on their way home. Their visit brought our total number of tourists coming to Molossia this year to 42 and we're only five weeks into tourist season! His Excellency, The President has set a personal goal of having over 200 visitors come to Molossia this year. The plan is to surpass the nation of Nauru for visitors - the least visited recognized nation on earth. At the rate we are going we are well on our way to reaching that goal - more tourist visits are scheduled almost every weekend through the end on June and beyond. Look out Nauru, we're coming up fast!

CNN Visits Molossia

1 May 2016 XXXIX

2016 has already been a busy year for tourist visits to Molossia and as April ended the pace of visitors continued unabated. On Saturday, 30 April, CNN's Great Big Story arrived in our nation in the form of two intrepid reporters, Samantha Stamler and Farhod Family. The pair have been traveling around the western United States following various stories for CNN, and of course their quest included Molossia. On this chilly spring day the team visited with His Excellency, The President, The First Lady and the Chief Constable and learned all about our nation, our history and culture and above all what makes the World's Smallest Republic tick. In spite of the cold Farhod and Sam saw all the sights of our nation, including Red Square, Norton Park and the Tower of the Winds. The President as usual regaled our visitors with the stories and culture of Molossia, ensuring they had an enjoyable and educational tour of our nation. Finally, their curiosity about our nation satisfied, our visitors returned to the United States, destined for adventures elsewhere. We wish them well on their future pursuits and look forward to seeing Molossia soon on CNN's Great Big Story!



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June Calendar

VM (Victory Mustachistan) Day - June 8th

VM Day commemorates the victory of Molossia over the nation of Mustachistan in the war that took place in May - June 2006 XXIX.

Kaylin Harrison's Birthday —June 21st



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	31° C / 88° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	2.2° C / 36° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	11.6° C / 62° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	2.54 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

Wow, summer already! June is here and for some it means the end of another year of school but for others it means the beginning of something bigger. Our son Bryce graduates this month and it really hits home to us how long high school feels but how short it really is compared to the rest of your life. Do you ever feel that way in certain situations? I sure have! "Is this ever going to end?!", and then poof, it does! Looking back, the situation didn't seem so awful but at the time it was everything. That's why it's so important while in a stressful situation, rather it's work or school, that you stop and say to yourself, this will pass. It always does! Cherish those moments that are rewarding and fun, but know that you can also handle unpleasant times with grace and mindfulness. One step at a time. That's all life is! Now that everyone is out of school it's on to summer fun! What kinds of activities do you enjoy in the summer? For us here in Molossia, we like to take the Navy on expeditions to Lake Tahoe or go camping. Share with us your summer adventures on Twitter @molossia.



Thank you all and until next time...

Remember, it's summertime and the living is easy. :)

~Adrienne