



A Few Words From The President

For a month and a half COVID restrictions have slowed life a bit here in Molossia, but as this quarantine has continued the blustery winds and late snow of early spring have given way to warm weather, flowers and trees are blooming, and blue skies are replacing grey ones. Spring is like that here in Molossia, windy and cold one day, warm and dry the next. Now that we are leaving chill winter weather well behind us, and hopefully the days of quarantine as well, it is time to look ahead to the future. It is time to replace the stagnation and pessimism of COVID with the optimism of achievement and enterprise. Warm weather brings opportunity, and a round of those things and events set Molossia apart - naval missions, rocket launches, explorations and of course tours of our nation. This latter has been delayed due to virus precautions but we are nearly ready to welcome visitors back to Molossia - just as soon as precautions are lifted. This past couple of months has slowed us a little here in Molossia but we are eager to get back in motion, doing great things here in our wonderful nation!



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COVID-19 And Molossia

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As the COVID-19 virus and related preventative actions sweep the world, Molossia has seen its share of impact as well. Thankfully thus far there have been no cases of COVID-19 in our nation. However, preventative actions and restrictions have had an impact. On 12 March 2020 XLIII Governor Sisolak of the neighboring US State of Nevada issued an emergency declaration in response to the pandemic, including the closure of schools, closure of non-essential businesses and cancellation of large gatherings. In addition, social distancing was mandated and telework encouraged, and restaurants were limited to delivery or take out only. Here in Molossia we are of course directly impacted by the restrictions and preventive measures enacted in Nevada and elsewhere in the United States. After all, our nation is completely surrounded by that state and the US. Thus, we have as well enacted preventative measures, in order to lessen and hopefully eliminate the impact of COVID-19 in our nation. Due to the tiny size of our nation and our general lack of resources, most Molossians work outside the country in the US. In at least a few cases the COVID-19 restrictions have resulted in telework for some Molossians, i.e. working at their jobs, but from home. In other cases, for those individuals that work in service industries in the US, this has meant the complete closure of those facilities or at least the aforementioned limitations of delivery or take-out, in the case of Molossian restaurant employees. Most Molossians that work in the US have felt some sort of impact on their daily work life. However, with rare exception, the flow of supplies - food and such - to Molossia from outside our nation has seen minimal adverse impact. There have only been a few shortages noted, among them the ubiquitous toilet paper shortage. Over time though, even this deficiency has eased. In the meantime, as we wait for the various COVID-19 restrictions and preventative measures to ease, the time has been spent within our nation, cleaning, tidying, painting and generally getting it ready for the upcoming tourist season - whenever it might happen. With the advent of spring, Molossia is looking beautiful as always, and the blooming flowers and trees are a sign that this crisis, like all things, shall one day pass and life will soon be back to normal in our wonderful nation!



The Return Of The Great Panjandrum!

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The Great Panjandrum

The Republic of Molossia and the Molossian Navy are pleased to announce the second foray of our legendary wonder weapon, the Great Panjandrum. Ever vigilant against the omnipresent threat to our nation's security by our arch-nemesis, East Germany, our Navy developed the Great Panjandrum in January 2015 XXXVIII. The Great Panjandrum is a rocket-powered assault wheel, designed to carry an explosive charge rather dramatically into the enemy lines. It is modeled after the original Great Panjandrum built by the British military during World War II. Similarly sensational, that version of the Panjandrum proved to be erratic and prone to frequent violent failure. The Molossian Navy was determined to recreate the Panjandrum and possibly rectify some of its flaws. The first and subsequent launches in January 2015 XXXVIII showed a weakness in the center axle, which has since been repaired. On 11 April 2020 XLIII, the Great Panjandrum was tested for a second time, again at the secret weapons testing facility deep in the desert. On a beautiful spring day, the Panjandrum bolted forth on its first launch in a blaze of smokey glory. On the second launch of the day a slight miscalculation sent the Panjandrum barreling toward the watching crowd, sending them in turn leaping for safety. Fortunately all escaped unharmed. The final daytime launch saw the Panjandrum finally achieve its goal, successfully knocking down one of the East German silhouette targets. A profound success, the Panjandrum had one final test, a nighttime launch. This went spectacularly, as the mighty machine charged across the desert floor, rockets blazing in the twilight. Again, the Panjandrum has shown its excellence as a formidable weapon to be used in the defense of our great nation! Three cheers for the Molossian Navy and the Great Panjandrum!



Readying the Panjandrum

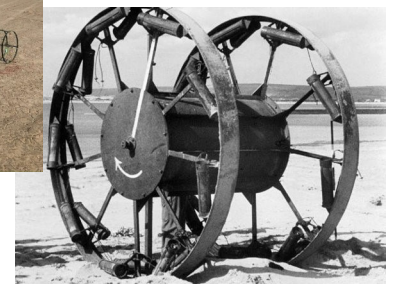
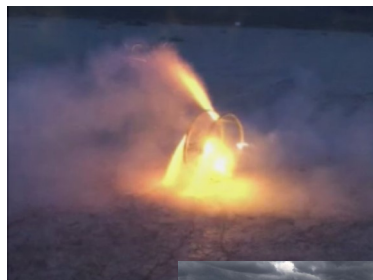
Night Launch



Molossia Pride!



Ready for Launch



The Original Panjandrum



Ready for a Night Launch



East German Targets

Don't horse around with dry lips, get Mad Mustang Lip Balm!

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LIP BALM

Around Molossia and More...

THE MOLOSSIAN KITCHEN - Favorite Foods in our Nation!



Spaghetti and Meatballs - a perennial favorite, harkening back to the Old Country. Always served with black olives on the side.

The New Orleans Muffaletta is a sandwich that was created in 1906 at the Central Grocery in the French Quarter. It is made up of olive salad, ham, cheese, salami, and pepperoni tucked inside Focaccia bread.



Loco Moco, borrowed from Hawaii, is made up of fried eggs, hamburger patty and brown gravy over a bed of white rice. Comfort food!

Poutine, borrowed from our Canadian neighbors, is made up of French fries, cheese curds and brown gravy, unusual and delicious!



Shepherd's Pie is a Molossian staple borrowed from Britain and traditionally served on Boxing Day - and in a more portable form, on Guy Fawkes night.

WHAT IS A MOLOSSOLINI?



The Molossolini is Molossia's signature drink, made with Sprite, pineapple juice, grenadine, and slices of fresh banana, oranges and pineapple, with cherries added too. Of course rum can be added, if you want a more "adult"

beverage. The Molossolini is a taste sensation - no party is complete in Molossia without it!

Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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

Saturday, 23 May 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST Tentative Due to COVID-19 Restrictions!

Saturday, 20 June 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST

Saturday, 18 July 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST

Saturday, 15 August 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST

Saturday, 19 September 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST

Saturday, 10 October 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour of the Year)



The Molossian Navy



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MAY CALENDAR

Boulder Day - May 1st - The day we moved that very large boulder, celebrated with meatball subs!

Space Day - 4 May (May the Fourth)
A rocket or rockets should be launched on or about this day if possible to celebrate the mighty accomplishments of our great Space Program!

Founder's Day - May 26th - Founder's Day is Molossia's principal National Holiday. This day remembers the date, in 1977, when Molossia (then known as Vuldstein), first became a nation. Usually celebrated with a general get-together of all Molossians and a barbecue, all in Red Square.



**Danielle Baugh's
Birthday, 13 May**

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 | 30° C / 86° F |
| Minimum Temperature | 22° C / 72° F | -4° C / 24° F |
| Average Temperature | 22° C / 72° F | 12.7° C / 55° F |
| Monthly Precipitation | 0 mm | 12.2 mm |
| Sunshine hours | Pretty much every day! | |

The Last Word With The First Lady

Hello all! We have all been cooped up flattening the curve together. How has that process been going for you? Have you had any explosions of creativity? Maybe finally read that book or cleaned that closet out? Or, maybe just did your best to take care of yourself and your loved ones. Everyone is handling this differently. Hopefully soon, we will get the all clear to be able to return to work and back to whatever normal was for us before. It's quite ok if the old normal doesn't return completely. It's nice to have some stores close early and be able to have what I call "forced relaxation". We can't do anything about it but we can choose how we handle it. Even a small wait in a line gives you time to pause and reflect or just think for a second. Before the corona virus outbreak, we were all go, go, go! There were places to go and people to see, work to be done, never enough time, we were exhausted. STOP- the world said. And we did! Yes, there are people that are getting very sick and we are losing friends. This is a terrible thing, no doubt. But for people who needed this break, it has been a bit of a blessing. Obviously, we wouldn't have chose this, but what will we do with the time. We all have the same amount of it. How can I help? What can make my life or someone else life better after this is over? These are the questions that I am asking myself. Maybe you are too. We can all make the world a little better, a small step at a time.

Thank you all, and until next time...

Even though you can't be there in person, thoughts and good intentions can still shine through.

~Adrienne

