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News from the Republic of Molossia



A Few Words from the President

Well, August was certainly an interesting month here in Molossia! A CNN visit, an assassination attempt, and a hurricane commemoration, just to name a few of the things that happened. We keep it interesting! And September promises more. About all that, it's important to understand that Molossia is a functioning nation, with real people doing real things all the time. Sometimes it takes a little perspective, such as seeing our little kayaks as a Navy, but we do our best to keep it real. And that's what makes us a little different here in Molossia. We're not here just to have a flag, call it a country and be done. We're here to BE a country, we are one and we do it well! Stay tuned to see what happens next in the World's Smallest Sovereign Republic!



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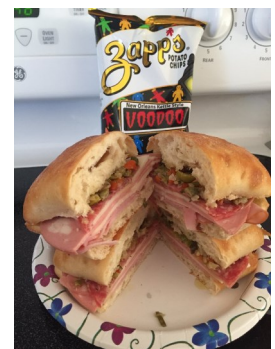
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Hurricane Katrina Commemoration

On 29 August 2015 the Republic of Molossia held a special commemoration of the tenth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast of the United States on 29 August 2005 XXVIII, causing extensive damage throughout coastal Mississippi and Louisiana, culminating in the catastrophic flooding of the city of New Orleans. At least 1,836 people lost their lives in the actual hurricane and in the subsequent floods and total property damage was estimated at US \$81 billion. The most severe loss of life occurred in New Orleans, Louisiana, which flooded as the levee system catastrophically failed, in many cases hours after the storm had moved inland. Eventually 80% of the city and large tracts of neighboring parishes became flooded, and the floodwaters lingered for weeks. New Orleans has long held a special place in the hearts of Molossians, and it caused us great grief to see the great city drowned and devastated.

29 August is always recognized as Katrina Day, in memory of lives lost, homes and livelihoods destroyed and the world of New Orleans changed forever. 2015 marked the tenth anniversary of the hurricane, and on this day Molossians gathered in Government House to remember the mighty storm and celebrate the unstoppable city of New Orleans. The day began with beignets and Cafe au Lait from the Cafe du Monde, followed by eggs benedict. A late lunch included muffaletta sandwiches and Zapp's potato chips, and in the late evening a hurricane party was held. To the sounds of a hurricane the First Family gathered in the Great Room of Government House and had snack foods and played games by candlelight. His Excellency, The President regaled the group with tales from Hurricane Katrina and a moment of silence was observed for the lives lost in the storm. New Orleans and the Gulf Coast have rebounded mightily in the past decade but still the shadow of the terrible storm lingers and we shall never forget.

29 August 2015 XXXVIII



Muffaletta Sandwiches

Hurricane Party!



The Constable's Corner

by Alexis Baugh

Hey! Welcome back to Constables Corner! Where every month I answer your questions and tell you about my every day life here in Molossia! As you know, there are a lot of every day responsibilities here. And I've told you guys about those but I haven't told you about the days where we kick back and relax! Usually The Prez takes a nap or works on official government issues (a.k.a. Netflix!). The First Lady does just about the same thing. And I guess if were being honest, I do too! The two boys usually play on the X-Box or on the computer, or they are practicing football. We have some great days!

Saturday, 8/29/15 was Katrina Day! We celebrated this sad holiday by turning off all the lights, we played hurricane noises and only ate canned food from the cupboards!

If you would like to ask me any questions you can go on Molossia's Facebook page and look for my post asking for questions in next months video!



Assassination Attempt!

22 August 2015 XXXVIII

In a stunning attack during the evening of 22 August 2015 XXXVIII an assassination attempt was perpetrated upon our beloved President. While out shopping in the U.S. with the First Family, His Excellency was gouged by a booby trapped bottle of grape jelly. The bottle had clearly been tampered with; upon investigation a large hole was discovered in the lid, the sharp edges of which sliced into Our President's finger. Further investigation showed that the bottle had been deliberately infected with mold, in an obvious effort to poison His Excellency. It was only through the lightning reflexes of Our Leader that he narrowly avoided greater harm. At this time an investigation is ongoing as to the would-be assassins, but of course East German agents are suspected.



The Meaning Of The Name Molossia

11 August 2015 XXXVIII

The name Molossia was chosen at random in 1998 as a replacement for the old name for our nation, Vuldstein. Molossia was chosen without the knowledge that there was an ancient Greek nation named Molossia, which was destroyed by the Romans in 168 BC. When our government was made aware of the original nation of Molossia efforts were made to connect modern Molossia with that nation. For a period of years we promoted a Greek and Greco-Italian aspect to our culture and additionally promoted awareness of ancient Molossia via our website. All that came to a halt in 2002 XXV when we were contacted by some angry Greek journalists and accused of stealing their culture by using the name Molossia. At that time we separated ourselves completely from any connection to the Molossia of ancient Greece and have since explained the origin of our nation's name in other ways. It has been variously described as a adaptation of the Spanish word "morro", meaning rock, and also as a adaptation of the Chinese words for "desert-place-rock" Mò Lù Shí. Neither of these explanations seemed satisfactory, thus it has been decided to establish a new meaning for the name Molossia. After careful consideration, it is determined that henceforth the name Molossia will be known as an adaptation of the Hawaiian word Maluhia, which means peace and serenity. While there is no direct connection between Hawaii and Molossia, we have a great admiration for Hawaii and Hawaiian culture, thus this selection of a name origin will bring honor to both our nations.

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Visitors and Addresses

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Eclectic Tourist Group

The Republic of Molossia has visitors all the time, but the latest group to tour our nation was certainly unique in its variety. To start with we had Long Yiang and her family, visiting from San Francisco, followed shortly by Cathy Gillespie from Nevada Day Magazine, writing a feature article about Molossia for Nevada Day and her beau, Roy Harvey, who The President is acquainted with through his contacts with the Nevada Air National Guard. Finally, arriving part-way through the tour came Ken Ogden, an old friend of The President, who he has not seen since 1986! His Excellency, The First Lady and Chief Constable escorted the group around our nation, showing them all the sights and telling all the tales about Molossia. Afterward, The President and First Lady sat down with Ms. Gillespie to do an interview in conjunction with the Nevada Day article and finally His Excellency caught up on old times with Mr. Ogden for a good long while. It was an interesting and amazing day, another unique event in the eventful life that is Molossia!



Our Latest Visitors

Red Square Addresses

There has been a new change to Red Square, the administrative heart of Molossia - street addresses. Red Square is home to several buildings, the Molossia Post Office, the Bank of Molossia, the Tiki Hut Bar and Grill, the Molossia Trading Company and of course the Office of the President. Now each of those buildings has its own address, each very unique. The Post Office is at 10/6 Red Square, the Trading Company is 221B Red Square, the President's Office is at 33 1/3 Red Square, the Bank is at 454 Red Square and the Tiki Hut is at 50 Red Square. The address numbers will make identifying the Red Square buildings easier in correspondence and add a little flair to our square!



The President's Address

CNN Visits Molossia

3 August 2015 XXXVIII

2015 has already been a busy year for media visits to Molossia and as August begins the pace of visitors continues unabated. On Monday, 3 August, CNN Travel arrived in our nation in the form of two intrepid reporters, Vanessa and Contessa. The duo have been traveling around the western United States following various stories for CNN, and of course such a quest should include Molossia. On this warm summer 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 heat Vanessa and Contessa 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 on CNN!



Vanessa and Contessa

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www.twitter.com/Molossia.

September Calendar

Flag Day - September 9th - Remembers the day the Molossian flag first flew over our sovereign territory, in 1998. It still does.

Moonpie Festival - September 15th - Adaptation of the Chinese Moon Festival, marking the end of summer and the beginning of autumn. Celebrated by eating Moonpies, of course!

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	35° C / 95° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	7.7° C / 46° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	21° C / 70° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	.50 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

September is here, school has started and it's beginning to cool down. Fall is just around the corner! I love autumn! Cool breezes, sweaters, hot chocolate and cuddling up around the fire pit near the Tiki Hut are among my all time favorite things. I am always intrigued by the way the leaves change color. They are beautiful as they prepare themselves for winter. If only we as humans could be so pretty when we knew a change was coming. We learn a lot about life from nature. The ability to be graceful in the event of a crisis. Winter will be coming and they will fall to the ground, but they know come springtime they will bloom again, rise up and be beautiful once more. How can we do this in our own life? Sometimes situations feel permanent when they are only temporary. Maybe it's the beginning of a new job or school and it seems so overwhelming, like you'll never make it. Slow down, take a breath and know that you will rise up from this moment. Be that golden fluttery leaf, be beautiful and graceful, look ahead and know that everything will be alright. Enjoy the fall, knowing that spring will soon be here again.

Thank you all, and until next time..

Walk with your head held high and let the sun shine on you!

~Adrienne

