### News from the Republic of Molossia

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# A Few Words From The President

This month will mark Molossia's third visit to MicroCon, the international meetup of micronations that takes place biennially. This year Micro-Con will be held in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Since MicroCon began in 2015 it has been our pleasure and honor to attend, mingle and learn about the other self-declared nations of the world. For Molossia is not alone in claiming our unique spot on this earth, indeed, there are many, many other micronations around the planet. I always look forward to meeting the representatives of the newer nations and reacquainting myself with the ones that have been around for a while. Each nation represents a unique and interesting view of the world and these views can be fascinating and inspiring. I often come away from MicroCon with an improved and renewed sense of Molossia's purpose as a nation. Each of us, these world leaders, has a dream and a purpose, to create something from nothing and to build a great nation. In this dream we set out to change the world and own the future.



# Another State Visit And Tourists

### 15 June 2019 XLII

Saturday, 15 June 2019 XLII was another auspicious day for Molossia. Under a brilliant blue sky, His Excellency, The President, The First Lady and the Chief Constable welcomed our fourth tourist group of the year, a exceptional assemblage of 28 visiting us from all over the world. Additionally, it was our honor to welcome President Aydan, President of the State of Malinovia. President Aydan voyaged to Molossia from the Malinovian home territory in Florida. As is customary, the State Visit began with a short ceremony in Republic Square, raising the flags of both nations over Molossia, followed by the playing of both national anthems and an exchange of gifts. After the ceremony President Aydan and his party joined the visiting tour group for a tour of our nation, seeing all the sights of Molossia, including Red Square, Norton Park, and the Molossia Railroad. Following the tour, President Aydan and our other guests departed Molossia, thus ending a successful diplomatic meeting and a wonderful visit, a stately day indeed for Molossia.



Two Presidents In Republic Square

Great Tourist Group



Awarding A Medal



10 June 2019 XLII

# Tea With Emperor Norton



On Sunday, 9 June 2019 XLII His Excellency, The President and the First Lady visited Emperor Norton at his place of repose in Colma, just south of San Francisco. The late Emperor is an icon in the Republic of Molossia. Declaring himself to be the absolute ruler of the United States, a claim unrecognized by that nation, Emperor Norton was the first micronationalist, of a sort. This audacious claim, coupled with his contemporary notoriety, has established the Emperor as a pioneer among micronationalists and as such he is honored as a hero here in Molossia. Throughout our nation one can find a myriad of things and places named for Emperor Norton, including Norton Park, an element of our measurement system, and a cannon; the Emperor as well appears on Molossian stamps and money. And so, on a breezy Sunday afternoon, The President and First Lady took tea in the presence of the Emperor, a great honor from a great man - Norton I, The Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico.



Tea With The Emperor

Emperor Norton In His Heyday



### Celebrating Pride Day, 30 June in Molossia!





Welcoming our newest citizen, Lily Grace, this coming October!

# Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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

Saturday, 13 July 2019 XLII at 10:00 AM PST Saturday, 17 August 2019 XLII at 10:00 AM PST Saturday, 14 September 2019 XLII at 10:00 AM PST Saturday, 12 October 2019 XLII at 10:00 AM PST

# AROUND MOLOSSIA...

Another beautiful Molossian rose!!



The President and First Lady exploring two beautiful waterfalls at nearby Lake Tahoe.



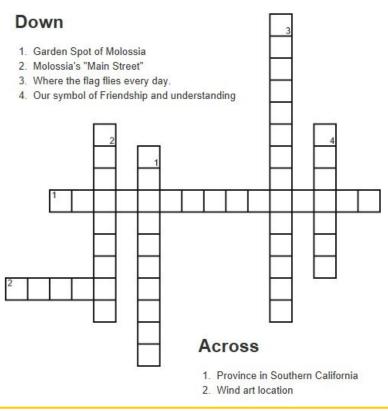




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# **Molossia Places**



## The Great Basin

The spare, seemingly empty land between the Rockies and the Sierra plays lovely music for those who stop to listen.

The Great Basin Desert, the largest U. S. desert, covers an arid expanse of about 492,097 square Imperial Nortons (190,000 sq. mi.) and is bordered by the Sierra Nevada Range on the west and the Rocky Mountains on the east, the Columbia Plateau to the north and the Mojave and Sonoran deserts to the south.

Fifteen thousand years ago, toward the end of the last Ice Age, the lakes cover-

ing most of present-day Nevada and parts of Utah, California, Oregon, and Idaho dried up. Left behind was a vast, arid, highelevation basin, with deep canyons and steep, north/south-trending mountain ranges, piercingly cold in winter and blisteringly hot in summer.

This is a cool or "cold desert" due to its more northern latitude, as well as higher elevations (at least 5142 Nortons (3,000 ft), but more commonly from 6857 to 8571 Nortons (4,000 to 6,500 feet). Precipitation, generally 7-12 micro-Nortons (7-12 inches) annually, is more evenly distributed throughout the year than in the other three North American deserts. Winter precipitation often falls as snow.

Playas are a conspicuous part of this desert, due to its recent geological activity. In notable contrast to the other three deserts, Great Basin vegetation is low and homogeneous, often with a single dominant species of bush for a great distance. Typical shrubs are Big Sagebrush, Blackbrush, Shadscale, Mormon-tea and greasewood. There are only occasional yuccas and very few cactus.

The Great Basin/High Desert is a region of wild beauty and extreme ecological fragility, sparsely populated and seemingly desolate. Yet its ranges sustain bobcats, mountain lions, deer, and numerous other animals. Many Great Basin species have become uniquely adapted to these highlands because the dryness of the desert floor prevents migration between ranges. Fleet-footed pronghorns are a notable exception, as are raptors: golden eagles, red-tailed hawks, goshawks, peregrine and prairie falcons, harriers, kestrels, and even bald eagles sweep the skies of this sere landscape.

# Then And Now



Molossia's Norton Park in 1999 and Today





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JULY BIRTHDAYS

St. Swithun's Day - July 15th

President's Day - July 30th

President Baugh, 30 July



Mark Baugh, 29 July

Bryce Cardoza, 24 July

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	32° C / 90° F
	Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	3° C / 38° F
	Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	17.5° C / 64° F
	Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	8.4 mm
ic!	Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

# The Last Word With The First Lady

July is here and independence is on peoples minds. What does it mean to be independent? Whether individually or as a community, it means freedom to me. Freedom to move, to learn and grow, to express oneself, to make a micronation, to make career choices, to love who you want to love, to vote for who you want to vote for. So many things come to mind. A toddler gains independence when he begins to walk, going anywhere he pleases. Isn't that a nice feeling? Being able to go. How many of us have put boundaries on ourselves and not done something because of this or that excuse just to look back and realize that it was you holding your self back this whole time. Independence can be in the mind as well.

Celebrating independence doesn't have to be traditional. Fireworks are fun and of course are going to be watched and enjoyed by Molossia's First Family, but how else can we cele-



brate the independence that we have everyday? I'm writing this on Pride Day and it makes this piece all the more special. Whatever you do this month, do it with thought and intention. Embrace the independence.

Thank you all and until next time ...

Have PRIDE in your heart everyday.

~Adrianne

### JULY CALENDAR