



A Few Words From The President

In August we experienced two State Visits with two very different types of micronations. The first was to the Conch Republic, a self-declared nation in the Florida Keys. The Republic was founded when the US closed the one road leading to the island back in the 80's, for immigration control purposes. Closing the only road that leads to a tourist dependent area was problematic, thus the Conch Republic was born. The Republic exists, really in name only, to this day and its main activities seem to be centered around flying flags, selling t-shirts and a festival in May. Not long after we visited the Conch Republic, the Principality of Sylvestria visited Molossia. Sylvestria is quite different from the Conch Republic, in that it is a true nation-building effort, not a tourist attraction. On a patch of land in southwest Mississippi, Sylvestria aims to grow and build their nation from scratch, and they have already made great progress



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Sylvestria State Visit

17 August 2024 XLVII

On 17 August 2024 XLVII, Director General Toth of the Principality of Sylvestria visited Molossia for the first State Visit between our two nations. Sylvestria's home is rural Mississippi, about two hours north of Biloxi. Director General Toth arrived at 9:39 AM MST and was immediately escorted to Republic Square, where the Sylvestrian flag was raised alongside that of Molossia. Subsequent to the playing of both nations' national anthems, His Excellency awarded Molossia's Statesmanship Medal to the Director General, customary for visiting Heads of State. In turn, the Director General awarded the Sylvestrian Order of Friendship and Peace to The President. Following the ceremony, The President and First Lady took the Director General on a tour of Molossia, accompanied by a large group of tourists, as this day was also the August tour of Molossia. During the tour the group saw all the sights of our nation. Following the tour our other guests bid farewell to Molossia as they returned to their homes, and Director General Toth sat down with His Excellency in the shade next to Government House to discuss micronational matters, especially regarding the development of Sylvestria. Thereafter, the Director General departed Molossia, thus ending a successful diplomatic meeting, a milestone for both of our great nations.



President Baugh and Director General Toth in Republic Square



Two Flags



Awarding A Medal

The President Receiving A Medal



Molossia Visitors

A Visit To The Conch Republic

14 August 2024 XLVII

From 11 to 13 August 2024 XLVII, His Excellency The President and the First Lady traveled to the Conch Republic, a self-declared nation located in the Florida Keys, off the southern end of the Florida Peninsula. The purpose of this visit was twofold, to conduct a State Visit to a fellow micronation and to attend a concert in this tropical locale. The Conch Republic (also known as Key West and the Florida Keys) was born in April 1982, when the U.S. Federal Government placed a Border Patrol Roadblock at the Last Chance Saloon in Florida City, Florida. The resultant traffic jam slowed traffic to the Keys, drying up tourist traffic to an area heavily dependent upon that industry. After a lawsuit failed to resolve the roadblock, the stalwart citizens of Key West took matters into their own hand and did the only thing they could do - seceded from the US. On 23 April 1982 the Conch Republic was born. A brief naval battle against a US Coast Guard cutter resulted in a surrender by the new nation, but the Republic was nevertheless successful in its goal of independence and sovereignty. The roadblock subsequently quietly disappeared but the nation born from it lives on to this day.

The hoped-for State Visit between Molossia and the Republic failed to materialize, however, as email entreaties went unanswered, and no dignitary materialized to greet the First Couple upon their arrival. Undaunted, The President and First Lady settled for taking in the sights, noting many Conch Republic flags on display, as well as t-shirts and related souvenirs. The First Couple proudly showed off the Molossia flag at the Southernmost Point in the US, on the extreme edge of Key West. A successful visit to the aforementioned concert rounded out the trip and after three days in the Conch Republic, The President and First Lady returned to Molossia, satisfied with their visit to the unique nation at the ends of the US.



The First Lady and the Conch Republic Flag



Conch Republic Shirt



Conch Republic Flag in a Tattoo Shop.



The Molossian Flag at the Southernmost Point!

Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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

- Saturday, 14 September 2024, 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 12 October 2024, 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour Of 2024)



The Molossian Navy

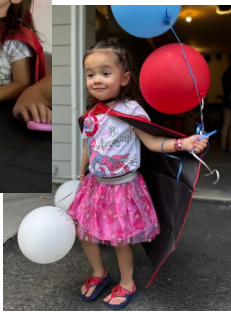
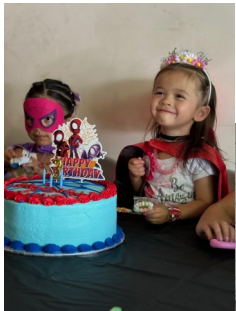
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in that direction. The Sylvestrian Director General sat down with me for a while and we exchanged ideas about how to build a nation, from the basics, such as national symbols, to the more complex, such as infrastructure. The two types of micronations couldn't be more marked, and of course we have greater affection for those that are truly nation building. All the best to both nations, but especially Sylvestria, as they build toward a bright future!

Around Molossia...

The President and First Lady swimming with Dolphins at the Theater of the Sea!



Molossian Luna Harrison celebrates her third birthday!



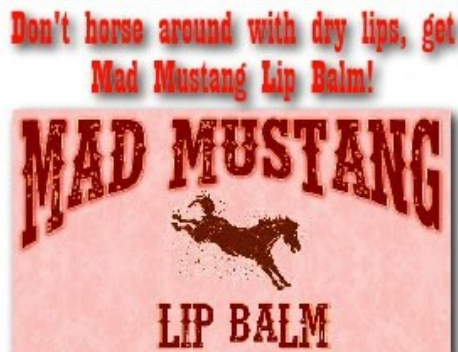
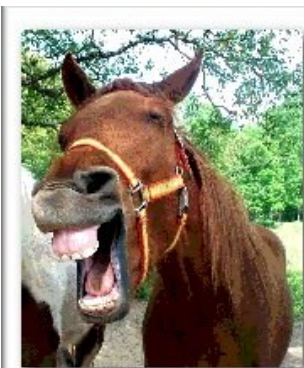
The President and First Lady dining on Miami Beach at the Osteria del Mar, our jet-setting First Couple!



Hurricane Party! Molossia's annual Katrina Day remembrance, held in the form of a hurricane party in Government House!



The cornfield is destroyed! Molossia's beloved cornfield was attacked repeatedly during the last week of August by a wandering band of wild horses. Very little remains, just eight ears of corn were able to be salvaged from the ruins. They may be Molossia's National Animal, but they don't hesitate when they're hungry!



The President and First Lady dressed as pirates for the Valhalla Renaissance Faire, in nearby Lake Tahoe!



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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!



2 September - Lyla 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	38° C / 100.4° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	3° C / 37.4° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	20.5° C / 69° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	18.7 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

Hello all September is here! That means the beginning of fall. The best part is that the holidays are right around the corner! To me, the holidays means family time, fun, food and gathering around. It's true, we don't need an excuse to do any of those things here in Molossia! We love having a good time and with the population of our nation any get-together could be considered a party! In fact, in October, we asked our 8 year old grandson Bradley, what Molossia means to him, he said "it's my grandparents country where we have a lot of parties and eat foods!" Everyone has a different idea of what makes a country and now we see what he thinks! This last week, we held the Hurricane Katrina Remembrance Party. As we were driving home with Bradley and our 10 year old cousin Kai, Bradley was telling him how much fun we have at our house. Kai said I'm really looking forward to the rest of the night. Bradley says, everyone feels this way when going to Molossia! Grandma, have you ever had a dissatisfied customer?.. this made me laugh so much. I said, only when you don't like what we make for dinner! It was such a great moment.



It will be fun to see his ideas of Molossia change over time as he grows and becomes an even more integral part of our tiny nation.

Thank you all and I hope you have a fabulous beginning to fall, we know we will!

~Adrienne