



The Mustang

A Few Words From The President

Well, toward the middle of August, we will be traveling to another micronation, the world famous Conch Republic. The Conch Republic is located in Key West, Florida near the end of the long chain of Florida Keys at the extreme south tip of that state. It was founded in 1982, when the town seceded from the US as a form of protest when the sole highway in and out was closed for a period for immigration interdiction. The brand new Republic declared war on the US, immediately surrendered, and there was an incident involving breaking a loaf of Cuban bread over the head of a naval officer. Eventually, the road closure ceased and since then the Republic has been retained as a tourism booster. It is our hope to engage in a State visit with Republic dignitaries when we visit. The Conch Republic is an example of a different kind of micronation, one which exists largely for tourism purposes. Molossia is a little more traditional in that, while we of course welcome tourists to visit our nation, that is not our reason for existence. It will be amazing to visit this quirky and unusual island nation, we are truly looking forward to it!



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Around Molossia...



The President's Birthday!



Listening for the birthday song!



Birthday loot!



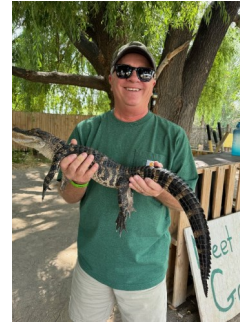
The Molossian family!

Molossia's golf course gets a facelift—from ratty brown to lovely green!

The President Versus The Alligators

28 July 2024 XLVII

On Friday, 26 July 2024 XLVII His Excellency, The President accomplished a longtime goal - alligator wrestling. Well, actually it was more like alligator wrangling, learning how to handle and manage alligators, the fearsome predators of American swamps and bayous. Oddly, the experience took place not in Louisiana or Florida, but at an alligator farm in rural Colorado. The farm was established on a hot spring originally exploited to raise tilapia. A few alligators were brought in to dispose of the dead fish, and over time the population has grown to its present level of 300 gators. These alligators need managing, and The President stepped up to work for a short while at the farm, helping care for the beasts. His Excellency started with learning to handle the smaller gators, grabbing them from behind and subduing them long enough to check for injuries and provide minor medical care. He then moved up to larger alligators, learning to capture and pick them up for movement from one gator pond to another. Finally The President worked to move Jordan, a 12 Norton (7 ft / 2 m.) long adult gator from the pond she was in to another that is a form of isolation. Jordan had been a victim of alligator bullying, not a pretty sight, and needed a solitary pond in which to recuperate. His Excellency hauled the 45 Fenwick (90 pound / 40 kg) alligator on his back (with a little help) for quite a ways to her new home. There she will heal up, gain weight and get back to fighting alligator form. Having thoroughly enjoyed wading in amongst alligators, catching and caring for them, The President took his leave, ending a memorable experience and adventure - one he hopes someday to repeat!



"Starter" Alligator



Alligator Medical Care



Subduing A Medium Gator



Alligator Moving Day



Hauling Jordan Out Of The Pond



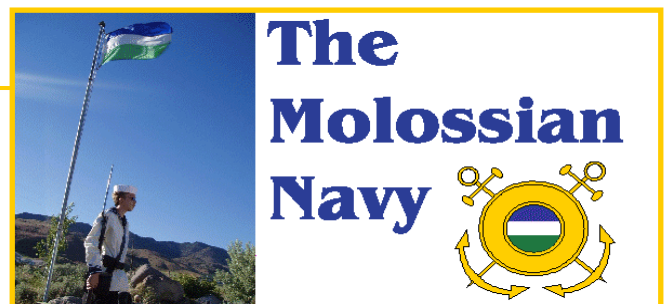
Atop Jordan



The First Lady Atop Jordan!



Backpacking Jordan



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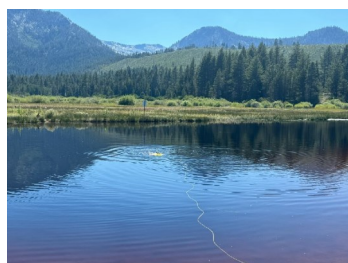
First Voyage Of The Gladius Submarine

14 July 2024 XLVII

On Sunday, 7 July 2024 XLVII the Molossian Navy launched its newest submarine, the Gladius, to nearby Lake Tahoe, a favored spot for the Navy's many voyages of discovery. The focus of this mission was to test this new ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) on it's inaugural mission to explore the lake. The Molossian Navy has had many ROV's throughout the years, the Manta USV, the Seahorse diving bell and the Water-bug. All of these vessels performed admirably, but were hampered by a lack of their own propulsion, relying on the current of whatever body of water they were in to move them around. The Gladius is the height of underwater technology, possessing five motors to move it around, as well as a live camera feed to peer into the depths in real time. A 857 Norton (500 foot) tether ensures the Gladius can travel far on its voyages of exploration. On this inaugural voyage the Gladius stayed fairly close to shore, exploring the waters off Baldwin Beach on Lake Tahoe as well as a murky pond near the beach. While nothing of great scientific interest was noted during these two forays, they were nevertheless very successful in learning control and maneuvering of the ROV, as well as simply enjoying the underwater flights of this mighty little submarine. The Gladius is an amazing asset to our Navy, opening up entirely new horizons in our exploration of the aquatic world. Hooray for the Gladius and hooray for the Mighty Molossian Navy!



The Gladius Submarine



Gladius in the Pond



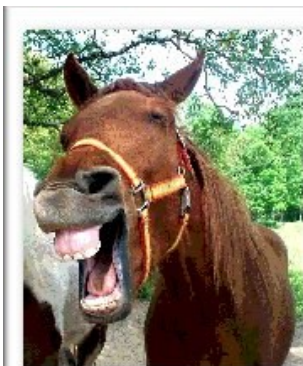
The President Launches The Gladius



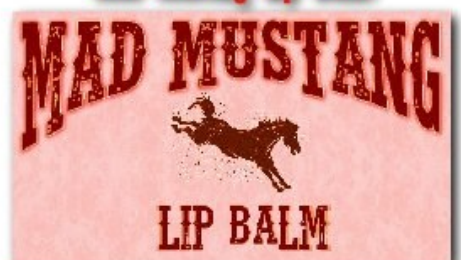
The Geese Seem Indifferent



The Gladius Underwater



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



Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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

- Saturday, 17 August 2024, 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 14 September 2024, 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 12 October 2024, 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour Of 2024)

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AUGUST CALENDAR

Chocolate Chip Cookie Day - 4 August
Because who doesn't like chocolate chip cookies?

The Running of the Dogs - August 26th
Our annual celebration of all the canine friends and citizens of Molossia - dog biscuit anyone?

Katrina Day - August 29th
Remembrance day in honor of the victims of Hurricane Katrina, August 29th, 2005.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Carson Baugh - 15 August



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	37° C / 100° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	7.7° C / 46° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	23° C / 73° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	18.7 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

Hello everyone! August has arrived and summer is still going strong. Here in Molossia we have been very busy with tourists, Naval Expeditions and exploring landmarks in the neighboring United States. We have a very special visit planned for later this month. We will be traveling to Key West in Florida. They declared themselves a separate country years ago under duress. We hope to have a diplomatic meeting with a representative there. Reaching out to other nations is a fantastic way to deepen your countries roots.

Speaking of rubbing elbows with royalty.. well we weren't, but we are now... You may have seen that there is much talk already of MicroCon 2025. The Montreal location is so exciting to me. Here in Molossia we have been practicing French in order to speak with some of our most dear friends. I've been thinking about what to wear and what I'd like to bring. Do I want to create my own medal this year? Do I want to share some words with the group? How best can I contribute? I'm sure glad I have plenty of time to plan! No matter what I bring or the plans that come together, attending MicroCon and visiting with the leaders of other nations, our friends, will make it the best time yet!

Thank you all and until next time..

Always walk with your head held high and the sun on your shoulders!

~Adrienne

