



A Few Words From The President

Well, a new year is upon us and changes are in the works here in Molossia. The old Customs Office, having served us well for over 15 years, is being retired, so to speak, and is being replaced. The current Molossia Post Office is being moved and converted to become the new Customs Office. A new Post Office will be built in its place, bigger and more airy. There are plans as well to upgrade the existing Molossia Trading Company building and possibly even to upgrade the Office of the President. These are all works in progress, of course, with the Post Office and new Customs Office to be done by April, when tourist season starts. We are very excited by these new changes to our Molossian infrastructure. It was certainly time—the weather in our nation is always perfect, but the American weather that blows in can take a toll on our buildings and facilities. We always want the best for our nation, be it buildings, events and activities, or just the basic needs of life. So far, I think we're doing pretty well with that but there's always room for improvement, and improve we always will!



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Molossian Christmas

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Christmas is a major holiday in Molossia and a time of great tradition as well as festivity. Traditionally a three-day celebration, the holiday actually began on December 24th with a small Molossian family gathering. Christmas Eve dinner consisted this year of a light fare of various snacks and desserts, especially Christmas cookies. The evening ended with the reading of the "Night Before Christmas", a Molossian tradition. Christmas morning, December 25th, began early, as the family descended upon the pile of presents beneath the National Christmas Tree. Later, Molossians gathered from miles around in Government House to exchange gifts and engage in family revelry, including playing Christmas games. Once the present-opening ended the rest of the day was spent relaxing, enjoying gifts and watching movies. Boxing Day is on December 26th, and is the last day of the Christmas holidays. While no special events usually take place, dinner on Boxing Day is usually shepherd's pie, Molossian style. This wrapped up the Christmas events for the year, with everyone eagerly looking forward to the distant arrival of next year's Christmas!



The National Christmas Tree In Republic Square.



The National Christmas Tree In Government House.



The Molossian Family Gathered for the Holiday. !

A Visit To Mexico

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The week of 10 to 16 December His Excellency, the President and the First Lady traveled to Mexico for a winter vacation, full of music, exploration, and even a humanitarian project. The first couple voyaged to the Riviera Maya along the Yucatán coast south of Cancun. There they attended a four-day music festival held at the Hard Rock resort on the beautiful Caribbean shoreline. The music was magnificent but that was not all that took place during the President and First Lady's sojourn in the balmy tropics. In addition to the music festival, the First Couple also participated in a humanitarian project, painting and refurbishing a local Mexican elementary school. This was an extremely rewarding endeavor. The President and First Lady also took time out from the music festival to explore the amazing Maya ruins of Tulum, just south of their resort. This was an awesome glimpse into the ancient history of Mexico. Additionally, the First Couple explored some local cenotes, which are water filled sinkholes, part of an underground river system. The cenotes are beautiful and mysterious, and were quite an enjoyable experience to explore. Finally, the President and First Lady had the opportunity to swim with sea turtles in the open ocean; the President is very fond of sea turtles and it was a joy to swim with them. All told, the First Couple's voyage to Mexico was a wondrous and amazing experience and one that the President and First Lady hope to repeat again next year, dodging winter for remarkable adventures in the tropics!



Painting A School



The First Lady Cleans Up



Concert By The Ocean



Chorus In The Rain



Mysterious Cenote



Floating In A Cenote



Temple Of The Frescoes, Tulum



El Castillo of Tulum



Magnificent Sea Turtle



Grazing On Sea Grass



Small Town Christmas

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The Christmas Season is upon us, and in what has become an annual tradition, His Excellency, The President and The First Lady visited the annual Dayton Small Town Christmas, a tree-lighting and holiday event held in nearby downtown Dayton, in the town park. The President donated canned goods to the needy, passed out candy canes to children and visited Santa with the First Lady, while mingling with the festive holiday crowd. As always, Molossians are very popular in the community outside our door, and it's a pleasure to celebrate and share the Christmas holiday with them. Of course the event is an excellent opportunity to spread awareness of our nation as well as being great fun!



Festive First Couple



The President and a Fan



The President and Dayton High Cheerleaders



Action Shot of The President Passing Out Candy Canes



Hanging with the Scouts

Around Molossia...



Molossian Bradley Harrison Turns Nine!



Changes afoot! Molossia's Post Office is being moved and converted to become the new Customs Office—new Post Office to come!



Old Customs Office retired but not gone!

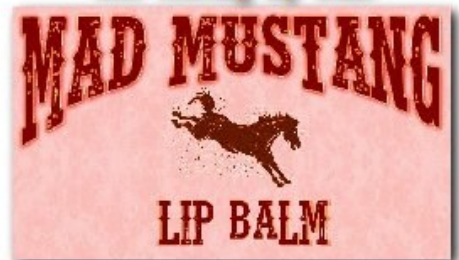
Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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

- Saturday, 26 April 2025, 10:00 AM PST (First Tour Of The Year)
- Saturday, 17 May 2025, 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 14 June 2025, 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 19 July 2025, 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 9 August 2025, 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 6 September 2025, 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 11 October 2025, 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour Of The Year)



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January Calendar

Emperor Norton I Day - January 8th

In memory of Emperor Norton I, Emperor of the United States and protector of Mexico.

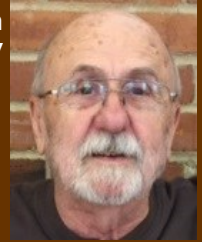
Molossaphone Day - 28 January

A day to laud our National Musical Instrument, the Molossaphone!

6 January - Mary Mercurio's Birthday



27 January - Tom 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	17° C / 62.6° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-11° C / 12.2° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	3° C / 37.4° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	4.5 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

Hello all! January is here and we are all able to begin the year when a fresh start. I've never been a big fan of resolutions. If I made any last year, I sure don't remember what they were. I do wish that I would have set small measurable goals for myself to accomplish throughout the year. Lately, I've seen the trend of the 2025 Bingo Card. I really like the idea! You choose 24 minor to major events/ accomplishments for yourself and when you cross them off a bingo may occur. You can treat yourself with something special when you get a bingo. You make all the rules! I'm very excited to get working on mine. 24 items is a lot to think of. I'll think small, like clean out a closet, all the way to visit another country (other than the USA, I visit them regularly). So, what do you think? Will you be making a bingo card for yourself? One of us will be helping BINGO in no time!



Thank you all and until next time,

Keep a smile on your face and the sun on your shoulders.

~Adrienne