



OBJECT ID	1999.15.7
OBJECT NAME	Patch
OBJECT ENTITIES	Masters, Peter (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bag, 1999.15.1</li> <li>Photograph, 1999.15.2</li> <li>Booklet, Instruction, 1999.15.3</li> <li>Booklet, 1999.15.4</li> <li>Decal, 1999.15.5</li> <li>Decal, 1999.15.6</li> <li>Fez, 1999.15.8</li> <li>Medal, Commemorative, 1999.15.9</li> <li>Button, Political, 1999.15.10</li> <li>Knife, Paper, 1999.15.11</li> <li>Sack, 1999.15.12</li> <li>Paperweight, 1999.15.13</li> <li>Medal, Commemorative, 1999.15.14</li> <li>Necklace, 1999.15.15</li> <li>Necklace, 1999.15.16</li> <li>Necklace, 1999.15.17</li> <li>Necklace, 1999.15.18</li> <li>Necklace, 1999.15.19</li> <li>Necklace, 1999.15.20</li> </ul>
ACCESS POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>patch</li> <li>Peter Masters</li> </ul>

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Embroidered patch for the organization, AHEPA. The patch has a gold outlining around the edge. The background is colored blue. Starting from the top, there is a light blue, gold, and white eagle. Underneath the eagle is a gold and light blue cross with light blue and white swords pointed down and crossed, located behind the cross. Behind, and under the cross is a sunburst. The sun is colored red, and its rays are colored both red and gold. Underneath the sun burst and off to the left slightly is a gold and light blue olive branch. Underneath the olive branch is the word, "AHEPA" in large red stitching. Entire patch is stitched.



## ORIGIN

The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) is the largest and oldest American-based, Greek heritage grassroots membership organization. Its scope is international with chapters in the United States, Canada, Greece, and Cyprus, and "sister" chapters in Australia and New Zealand under the auspices of AHEPA Australasia.

AHEPA was founded on July 26, 1922 in response to the evils of bigotry and racism that emerged in early 20th century American society. It also helped Greek immigrants assimilate into society.

Today, AHEPA brings the ideals of ancient Greece, which includes philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence to the community.

Although a majority of the membership is composed of Americans of Greek descent, application for membership is open to anyone who believes in the mission of the organization.

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## CITATION

Patch, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/26/24.

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