

Frequently Asked Questions

What is ACH?

Accelerated Clearing House (ACH) is an electronic network for financial transactions in the United States. ACH processes large volumes of credit and debit transactions in batches. ACH credit transfers include direct deposit payroll and vendor payments. ACH direct debit transfers include consumer payments on insurance premiums, mortgage loans, utility bills, and other kinds of bills. Both the government and the commercial sectors use ACH payments. Businesses increasingly use ACH online to have customers pay, rather than via credit or debit cards.

Why is HEMC offering ACH as a way to make donations?

PSP HEMC has received a matching fund \$160,000 grant to assist with building a two story addition to the current museum. The grant and our matching funds will build the shell but the total cost of the facility will be around \$800,000. We are kicking off a four year fund raising campaign to raise monies to finish the inside of the building. In an effort to minimize financial impact on our members, active and retired, we are asking for a four year commitment of \$5.00 a month from donors. Using an ACH draw will make this automatic and donors will not have to remember to cut a check each month. This process will require minimal effort and minimal financial impact on contributors if they elect to donate in this manner.

If we elect to donate via the ACH process is our information secure?

The information you are supplying to participate in the ACH payment method only includes the information listed on a paper check. Your paperwork will be kept in locked file cabinets in the PSP HEMC office located to the rear of the State Police Academy. The HEMC building has an alarm system and addition to the alarm system, the Museum also has closed circuit TV monitoring as well as security checks by Cadets making evening and weekend rounds.

Can I make an automatic monthly deduction by credit card?

Yes, completing section two of the ACH authorization form will accommodate this for you.

Can I make a one time donation via check or credit card?

Yes, completing section three of the ACH authorization form will accommodate this for you.

If I commit to a 48 month monthly donation, am I locked into it or can I cancel it anytime I want to?

You may cancel your authorization at any time by sending written notification to the PSP-HEMC office to cancel.

What do I need to do if I change banks or accounts during the 48 month commitment period?

Simply contact the HEMC office at 717-534-0565 and advise them of the change and the new routing and account numbers.

Can I choose the date the ACH draw will take money from my account?

Yes, the ACH authorization form requires you to select the date you want the transaction to happen each month.

Are my contributions tax deductible?

Yes, HEMC is a 501C3 organization

If I am already a member of the Friends of the Pennsylvania State Police Museum, does this fund raising campaign supersede it?

No, they are two separate fund raising entities, each with their own set of incentives. Becoming a contributor to the building campaign will provide you and a guest free admission to the museum for each year in which you make a donation.

Why are you asking for my PSTA FOP lodge number on the ACH Authorization agreement?

Beginning in January 2014, and continuing through 2017, the museum will present a plaque, at the end of each year, to the FOP lodge that has the greatest % of its members donating to the museum. A duplicate of the plaque will be displayed in the museum.