



**Patriot**



**Named by Charles Meck on the Youghiogheny River**

**The Patriot is the signature fly for Project Healing Waters**

<b>Type</b>	dry attractor and great lead fly for a tandem dropper
<b>Reference</b>	Charles Meck 1988
<b>Size</b>	12 – 18 normally tied as a 12
<b>Hook</b>	dry fly hook Mustad 94833
<b>Thread</b>	6/0 bright orange red fluorescent
<b>Tail</b>	brown hackle fibers
<b>Body</b>	smolt blue Krystal flash with a midrib of tying thread
<b>Wing</b>	white calf body hair, poly yarn, or Hi-Viz
<b>Hackle</b>	brown saddle hackle
<b>Sequence</b>	<p>Lay a foundation of thread, 10 – 15 wraps, spanning the wing-mounting point, 1/3 from eye</p> <p>Stack white calf body hair for wing – twist bundle 180 degrees – 2x diameter of eye</p> <p>Measure wing equal to length of shank</p> <p>Lay hair atop shank, capture with one wrap of thread and tie in, tips toward eye</p> <p>Angle cut the butts and bind them down with thread</p> <p>Preen hair rearward and build a ramp of thread with the wide end abutting the base of the wing, posting the wing vertical</p> <p>Use a bodkin or fingers to divide the hair into two equal bunches</p> <p>Bring the tying thread between the wings and figure 8 tie</p> <p>Make 3-4 wraps around the base of each wing</p> <p>Position thread behind wing</p> <p>Strip 8-10 brown hackle fibers and tie in tail short and then pull to be length of shank</p> <p>Tie in 5 pieces of Smolt blue Krystal flash at midpoint, wrapping thread back to point</p> <p>Advance thread to mid point of body</p> <p>Wrap flash to midpoint, wrap band of red thread to create midrib</p> <p>Advance thread to behind wing</p> <p>Wrap flash to behind wing and tie off, clip excess</p> <p>Tie in one long brown saddle hackle behind wing dull side forward.</p> <p>Weave six wraps of hackle behind wing and 4 in front of wing</p> <p>Use half hitch on bobbin to push hackle back from eye and secure</p> <p>Whip finish</p> <p style="text-align: center;">video of Charles Meck tying this fly can be found at  <a href="http://www.riseformstudio.tv/fly_tying_video_patriot.html">http://www.riseformstudio.tv/fly_tying_video_patriot.html</a></p>

