

Patriot.Online User Manual



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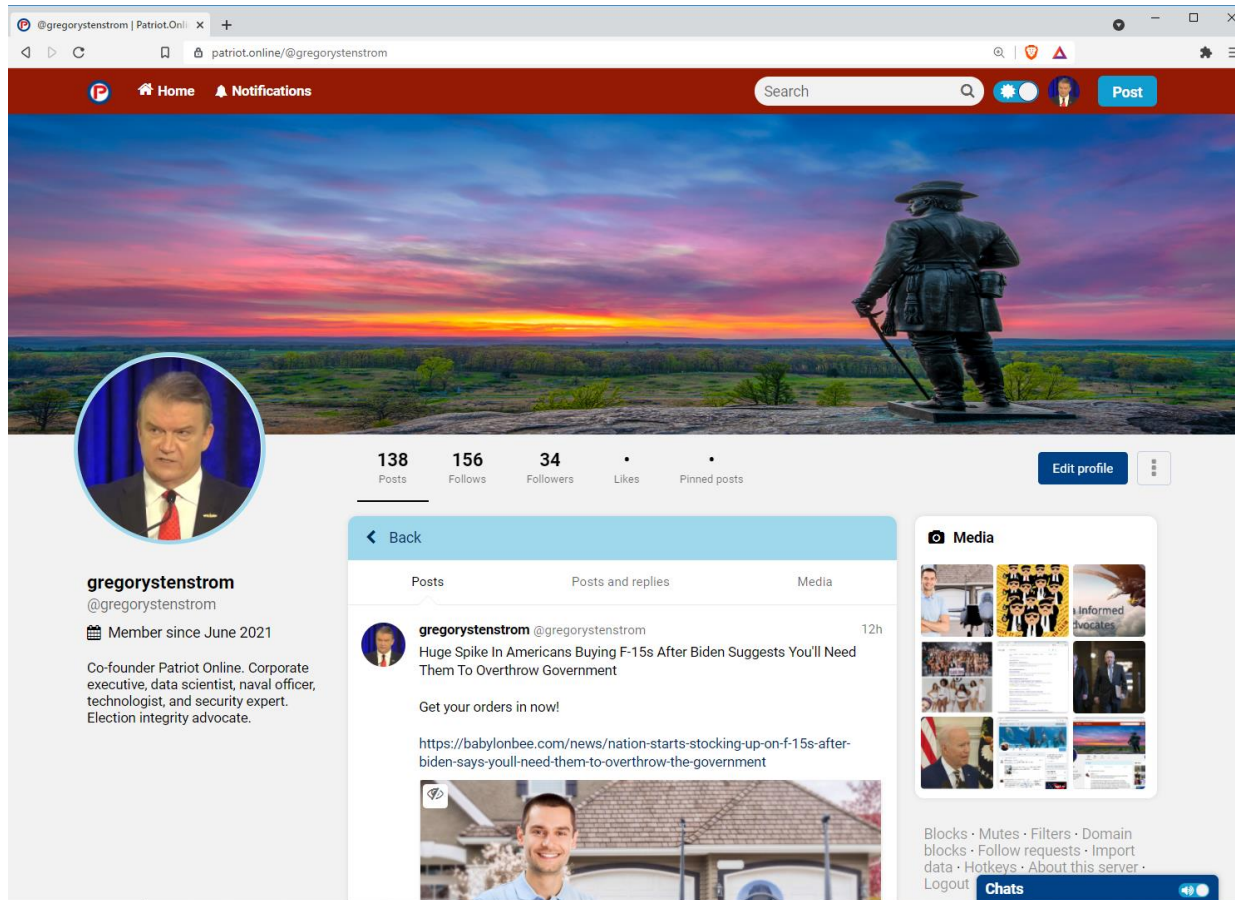
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Welcome to Patriot Online!

This User Manual begins with a “Quick Start” section, and will be updated as features and functionality are added and improved. It is a “live” document that you can review regularly.



I am Gregory Stenstrom, co-founder of Patriot.Online, and my Profile page is shown above. I will be your “Quick Start” guide to introduce you to the platform, and help you create your first.

Why Patriot.Online

Patriot.Online is the core of a technology ecosystem we designed to reclaim citizens’ rights to privacy, free speech, and liberty.

We do not look at you as a “user” or “member,” but as “citizens.”

Patriot.Online versus Competitors

Competing social media platforms are dominated by “surveillance capitalists” who provide their services for “free,” in trade for your private information, which they sell.

Their product is you.

Additionally, “surveillance capitalists” choose what they want you to see, what friends they want you to associate with, who they want to block or censor, and “shape the narrative” of the “user experience” to meet their needs. In that universe, you are a commodity and asset to be managed.

We are all for capitalism and free trade but not giving up our liberty.

We came up with an alternative.

Patriot.Online’s product is privacy.

Patriot.Online lets YOU choose who you will associate with, what you will see, who you will follow, and shape your own narrative, as is the right of all citizens from the moment you drew breath.

That is our differentiator and raison d'etre for creating the Patriot.Online ecosystem.

Every “free” email or message you send and receive through most other World Wide Web and Internet platforms owned by “Surveillance capitalists” is scanned, indexed, and evaluated for the sale of the information it contains.

Everything you enter and click on in your web browsers like Chrome and Internet Explorer (now Microsoft Edge) collects your private information for resale.

Signing up for a privacy ecosystem like Patriot.Online using email provided for “free” by a surveillance capitalist, using their email address domain, defeats the point of anonymity and privacy we

provide with the Patriot.Online ecosystem. Privacy and freedom require work and diligence on your part.

So, get to work and create an account on XMail.net, which is part of the Patriot.Online privacy ecosystem, or perhaps an email system that you control and manage, and set up a couple of accounts – one personal, that you can use daily, and another anonymous, and then sign up for two accounts on Patriot.Online.

Many of our initial Patriot.Online citizens signed up for an account, and then did not post or participate in the platform, aside from reading the content of other citizen posters.

We want you to participate.

Our Republic and freedom are dependent on it.

Basic Navigation for Patriot Online

For those of you who have already set up an account or just want the basics of navigation, there are only five (5) buttons or areas you need to click on to move around Patriot.Online.

You can compose and publish new posts from the “What’s on your mind?” box, or click on the “Post” button in the upper right screen to bring up a “What’s on your mind?” pop-up dialog, and publish from there.

Clicking on “Home” or one of your avatars (picture of the American Revolution Pipers) will bring you to either your “Home” page or “Profile” page.

We have made the interface as citizen friendly as possible, and hope you will get accustomed to the interface. There are a few things you will want to do to customize and choose your feeds and experience that we go through further below.

This is the screen you will most commonly use:

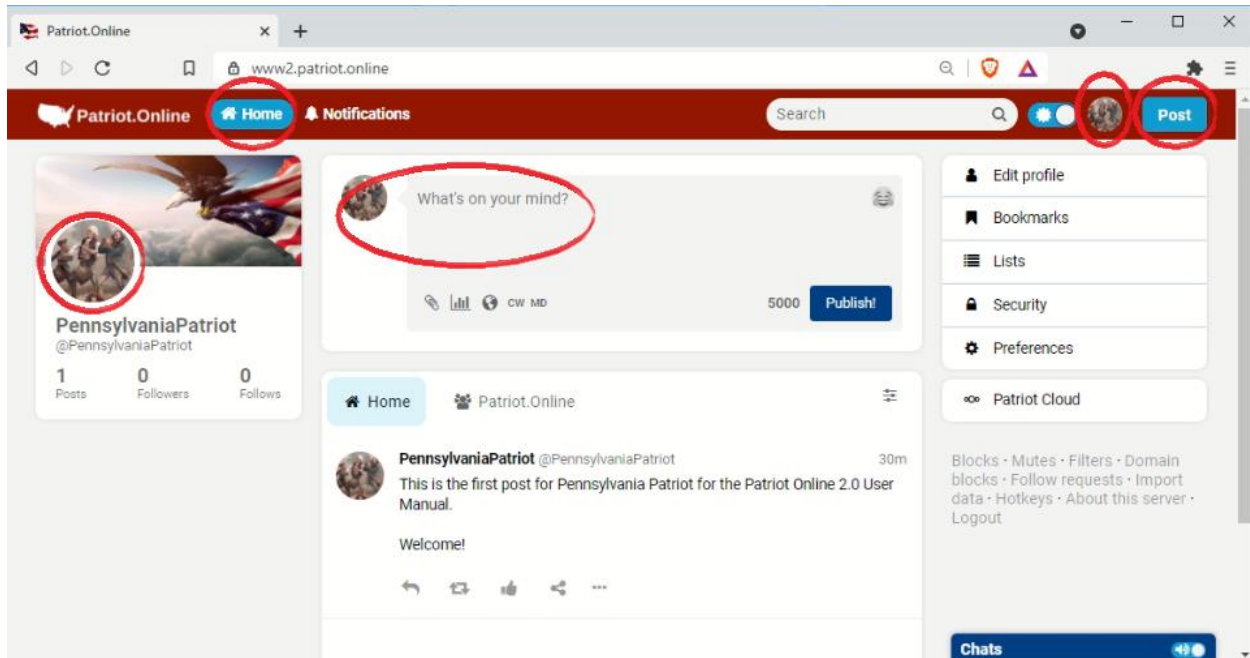


Figure 1 - Patriot.Online Citizen "Home" page

This is your "Profile" page that the world and your friends will see, and you might choose to review other citizens posts from. Anytime you want to navigate to another screen, just click on your avatar or "Home."

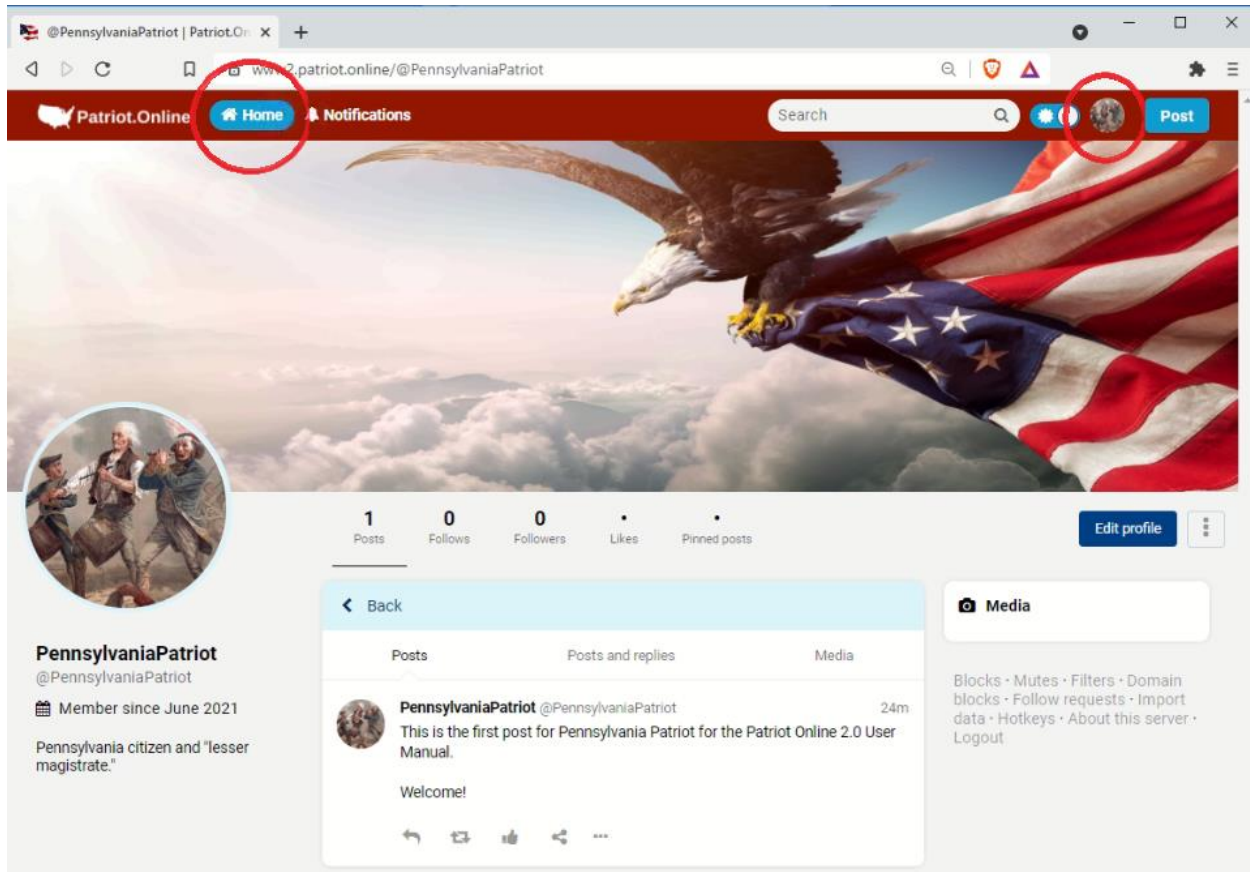
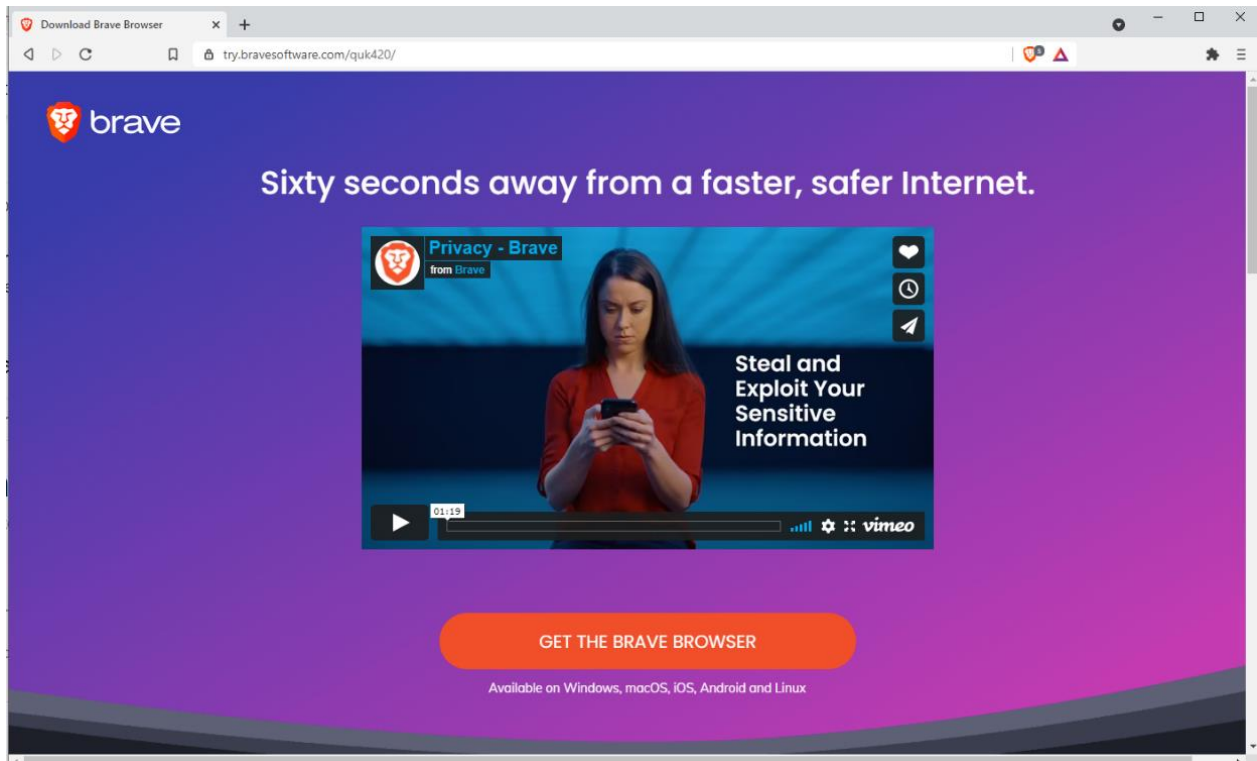


Figure 2 - Patriot.Online Citizen "Profile" page

Secure and Private Web Browsing

Before you begin, we recommend downloading and using the Brave web browser. Patriot.Online is working on a private browser for future distribution with our ecosystem, but in the meantime, Brave will provide a satisfactory level of privacy protection and allow you to easily switch to the global, encrypted Tor network ecosystem, to further protect your privacy. You can find it, download, and install it from <https://try.bravesoftware.com/quk420/>

If you are satisfied with the Web Browser you are using (like Chrome, Edge, Safari, etc.), then skip to the next section on email accounts.



Creating a Private Email and Anonymity

We use email addresses for three purposes,

- To verify you are a “real” person.
- To allow you to recover and reset your password if you forget or misplace it.
- For an opt-in mailing list that will allow us a means to communicate with you – if you choose.

We struggled with using email verification because it provides potential surface area for surveillance capitalists access to your privacy. In the current technological battle space for your privacy, it was not possible in this iteration of Patriot.Online. We tried and could not sufficiently protect our citizen users from Internet robots, bots, trolls, information scrapers, and other adversaries focused on collecting your information, without email verification in this release.

Our biggest challenge with the email verification process was the almost immediate, visceral reaction of “free” email providers most of

which marked any email from Patriot.Online as “malicious,” “spam,” or did not even bother with the pretense of revealing their displeasure with us to public scrutiny, and just blocked our emails entirely.

They want your private information and anything that stands in the way of that has been met with substantial resistance since February 6th, 2021, when we first went “live” with Patriot.Online 1.0.

If you try and set up an account with Patriot.Online and do not receive an email verification, then first check your Spam folder, and if you do not receive the email within a minute, or so, then please do not give up, and sign up for new email accounts on XMail.net.

XMail.net is part of the Patriot.Online privacy ecosystem and we have complete control over the systems that comprise it. It has been up continuously since the late 1990’s (yes, we have some grey hair between us here), without downtime or compromise and is protected by cutting edge security systems.

Let us briefly show you how to set up an XMail.net account. If you have already successfully signed up for Patriot.Online and your email account worked and you want to continue using it, then you can skip to the next section in the manual.

Signing up for (Patriot.Online) XMail.net Email

Go to <https://www.XMail.net> and you will be presented with the XMail login page. For now, accounts, click on the blue “Sign Up” link directly under the white XMail.net logo in the center grey screen. We have circled the location in red so you can easily find it in the screenshot below.

We recommend signing up for an account using your name or usual email moniker, and a second account with a username that cannot be easily linked to you personally to maintain your privacy and anonymity.

We canvassed Patriot.Online 1.0 users as to why some did not post, comment, or even “like” various posts, and the common theme was they were afraid that they might face repercussions from employers and others intent on silencing and punishing them for the temerity to exercise their right to free speech.

You will see further on in this manual how you can easily switch between online personas to protect your identity, privacy, and free speech, while maintaining the capability to exercise free speech under your “real” name and online persona.

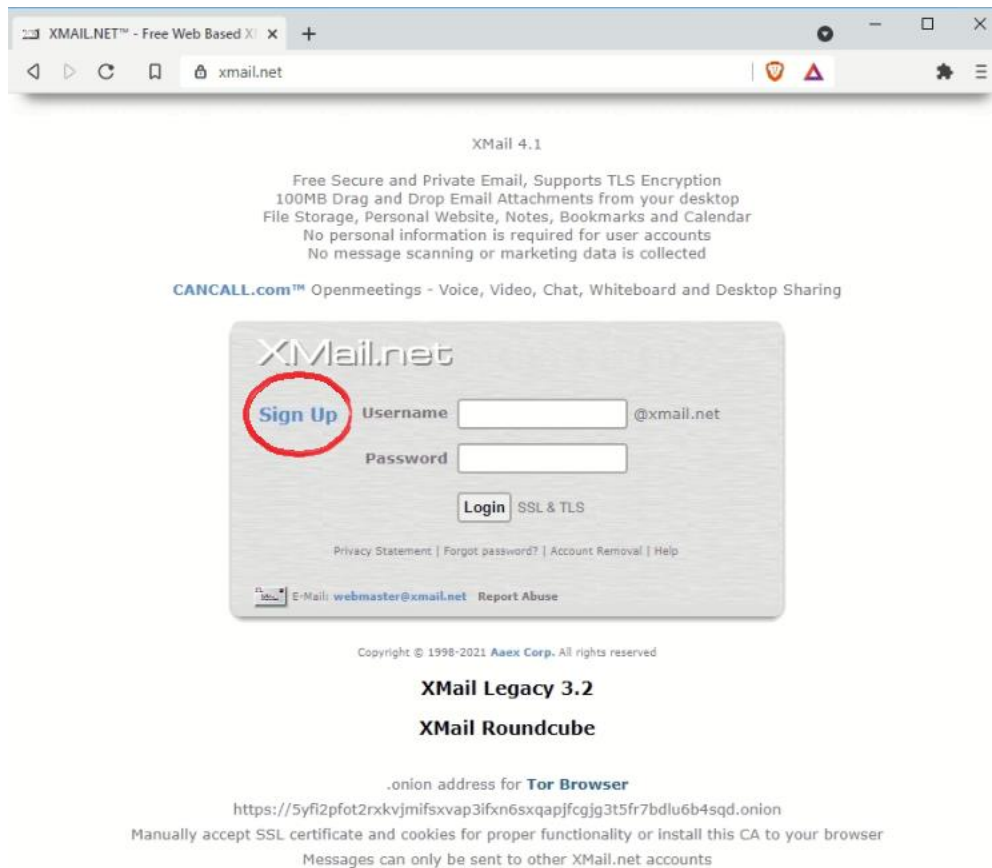


Figure 3 - XMail login screen at XMail.net

Upon clicking the “Sign Up” link, you will be presented with the XMail.net sign up page. It only takes a few moments to register for an account, and we were able to forego the “verification email” process here to raise the level of difficulty for “free email” service providers could link you to either XMail or Patriot.Online

home | Help

xmail.net/app/signup

XMail.net - Registration

To sign up for your XMail account please complete the following form. Your user name must contain between 3 and 20 characters and may include letters, digits, and "-", "_", "." characters but cannot start with a number, "-", or ".". User names are not case sensitive, passwords are case sensitive and cannot start with a number

Username @xmail.net


Password minimum 8 characters

Verify Password

First Name

Last Name

Free XMail provides Mailbox Storage, 100MB Messages, 1GB Personal Web Hosting/Private Disk Storage, POP3 and POP3S.

☐  **Block unwanted SPAM** by enabling XMail's "Whitelist" anti SPAM feature. E-Mail messages will only be recieved from addresses included in your Contact Manager.

☒ Free service, 1GB Mailbox Storage, 100MB Messages, 1GB Personal Web Hosting/Private Disk Storage, POP3 and POP3S.


☐ 10GB Mailbox Storage, 100MB Messages, POP3, POP3S, SMTP, 10GB Personal Web Hosting/Private Disk Storage for US\$9.95 per year.

In case you forget your password, you will be asked to answer one of the questions below

Select Secret Question

Own Secret Question

Your Secret Answer

Authentication ☐ I am human 

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Figure 4 - Patriot.Online XMail.net Sign Up page

Signing up for the Patriot.Online Privacy Ecosystem

After you create your XMail.net email accounts, or choosing to proceed with your existing email account(s), go to the Patriot.Online website at <https://www.patriot.online> (hopefully using your freshly installed Brave browser. You will be presented with the Patriot.Online login page:

The screenshot shows the Patriot.Online website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the logo and links for 'Home' and 'About'. Below this, the main heading reads 'Patriot.Online' followed by the tagline 'Freedom of Speech Social Media'. On the right side, there's a login section with 'Username' and 'Password' input fields and a 'Log in' button. A link for 'Trouble logging in?' is also present. Below the login section is a registration form. It starts with a note: 'With an account on Patriot.Online you'll be able to follow people on any server in the fediverse.' The registration form includes input fields for 'Username', 'E-Mail address', 'Password', and 'Password (again)'. A note specifies 'Only letters, numbers, and underscores are allowed.' for the username. Below these fields is a captcha section with the instruction 'Click the image to get a new captcha' and an image showing the word 'email' in a stylized font. A text input field for 'Enter the pictured text' is provided. At the bottom of the registration form is a checkbox for 'I agree to the Terms of Service' and a 'SIGN UP' button. The footer of the page contains the text '2021 - Patriot.Online' on the left and 'Patriot.Online' on the right.

Figure 5 - Patriot.Online Login page

For your personal, public facing account, you can use your name or a moniker, enter your new XMail.net or other email account (for later password recovery/reset if required), and choose a good password, preferably one you do not use on any other account.

Your username cannot include spaces or special characters and if you want to break the name up, we recommend using underscores such as My_Account_Username.

Patriot.Online

Home About

Username Password Log in

[Trouble logging in?](#)

Patriot.Online

Freedom of Speech Social Media

With an account on Patriot.Online you'll be able to follow people on any server in the fediverse.

PennsylvaniaPatriot

Only letters, numbers, and underscores are allowed.

PennsylvaniaPatriot@xmail.net

.....

.....

Click the image to get a new captcha

ajdua

☒ I agree to the [Terms of Service](#).

SIGN UP

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Patriot.Online

Figure 6 - PennsylvaniaPatriot Patriot.Online Sign Up

After you have created your new Patriot.Online account, you will be immediately presented with your” “Home screen.

Depending on the width of your browser, you will be presented with one of two possible screens.

Because phone providers like iPhone and Google use their “App Stores” as barriers to entry, and a means of silencing competition, Patriot.Online is completely web-based and can be viewed with any browser. We automatically adjust screen rendering based on your device, and the screens may look a little different and use different navigation schemas which we classify as “wide” (3 columns) or “narrow” (1 or 2 column) screens.

Patriot.Online Wide Screen Rendering

If you have a wide screen device, the initial “Home” page for Patriot.Online will look like the 3-column screenshot below.

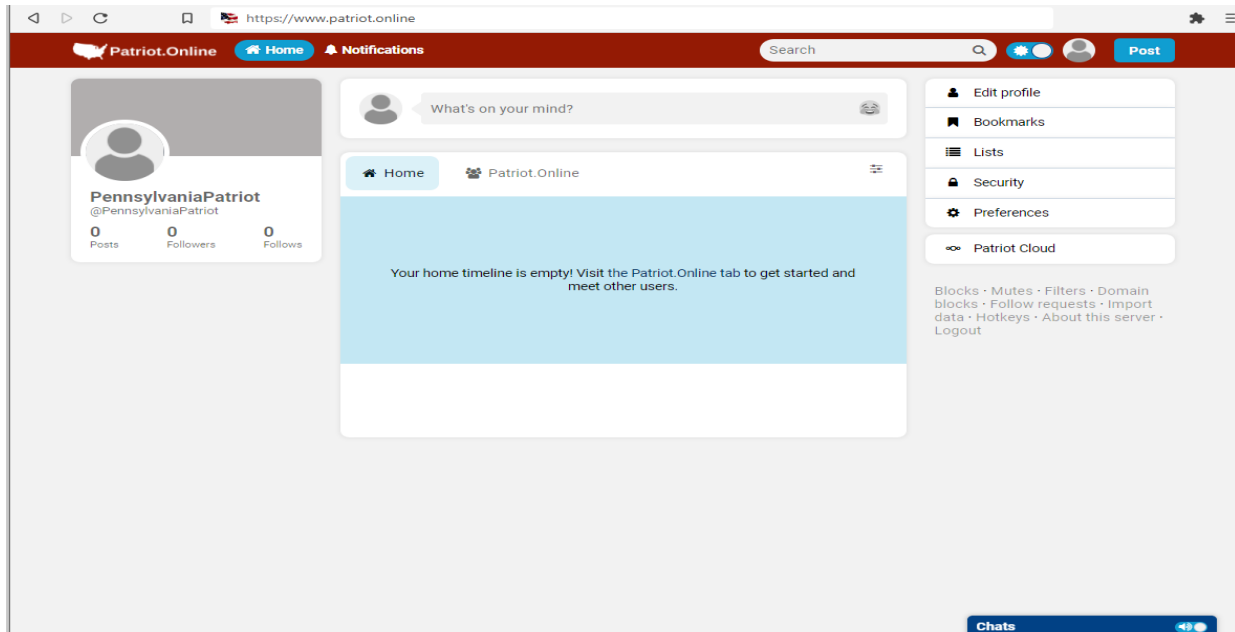


Figure 7 - Patriot Online "Wide" screen

If you have a narrow screen setting, or mobile device, it may look like the 2-column screenshot below.

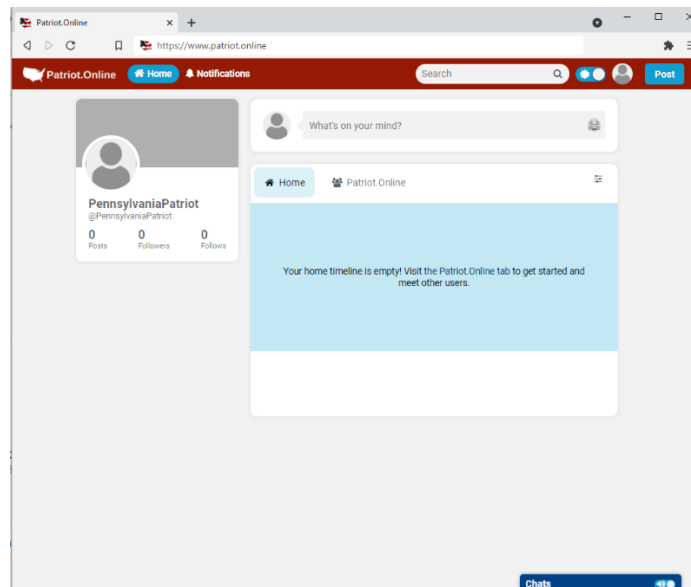


Figure 8 - Patriot.Online "Narrow" Screen

To see the vertical menu of the wide screen, on a narrow screen, then click on your “avatar” – which is the round section where your photo will go (later) – and you will see the screen below.

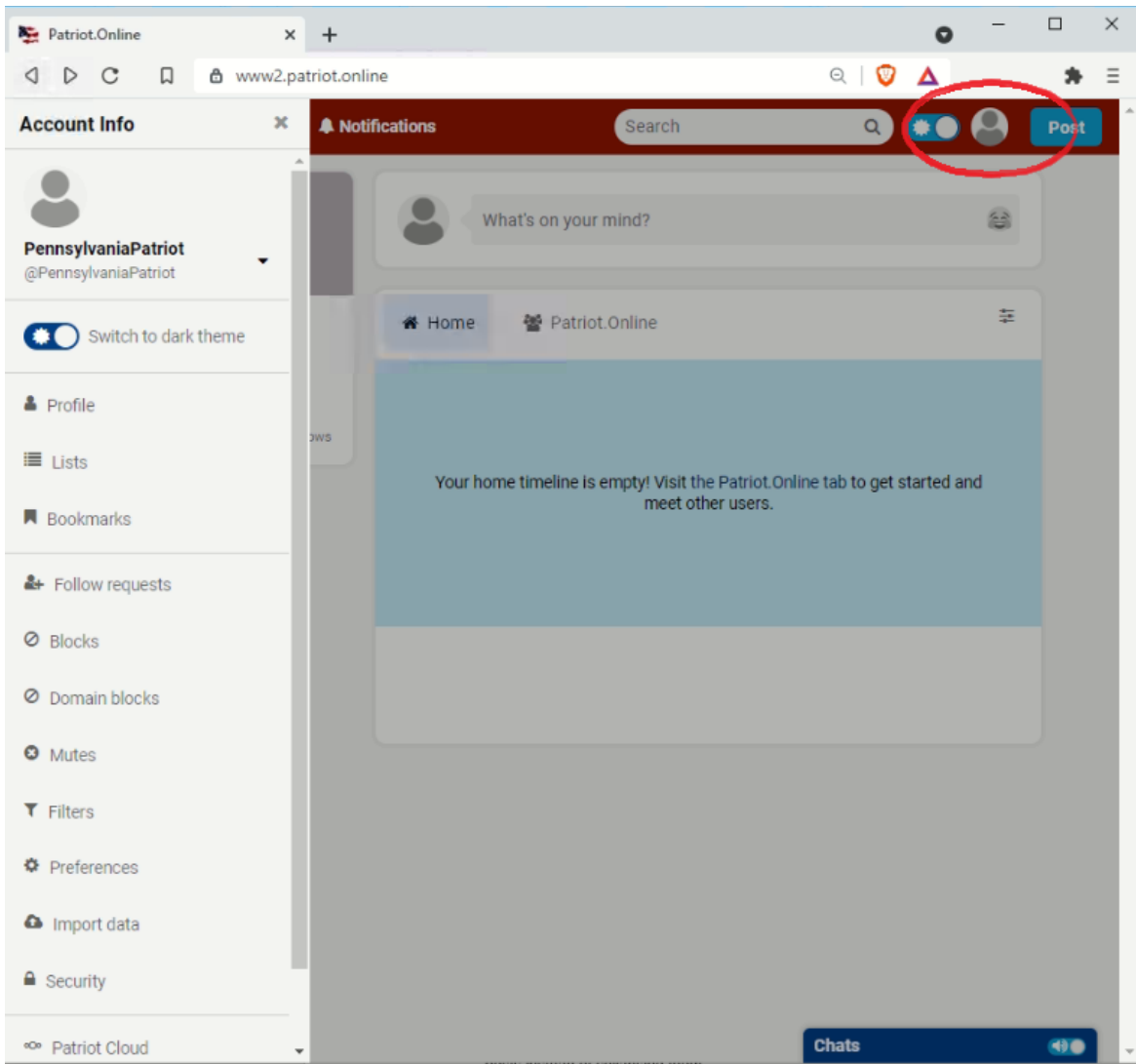


Figure 9 - Patriot.Online "Narrow" Sliding Side Bar Screen

Editing your Patriot.Online Profile

Patriot.Online is relatively easy to navigate, and as discussed in the “Quick Start” earlier, you will always get where you want to go by clicking on one of the round “avatars” on the page, or “Home,” and find a starting point you are comfortable with as you learn the interface.

Let us add your “header” and “avatar” photos now. Depending on which screen size you have, select the “Edit Profile” label on the right of the wide screen or “Profile” label from the sidebar on the left of the narrow screen, which will bring up your Profile page, and click on the “Edit Profile” button

Wide screen mode “Edit Profile.”

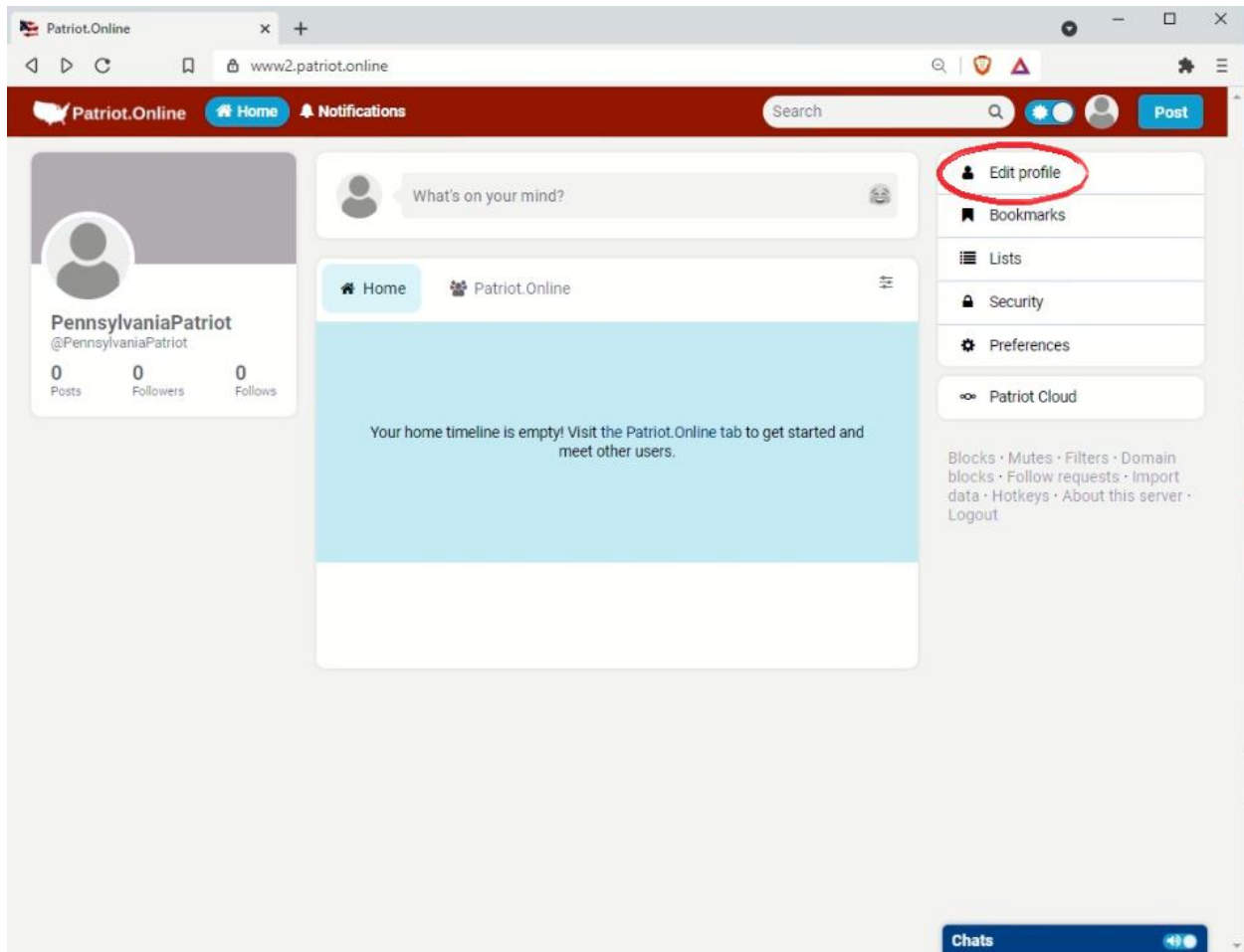


Figure 10 - Patriot.Online "Edit Profile" Wide screen mode.

Narrow screen mode “Edit Profile” (two (2) step process)

Step 1:

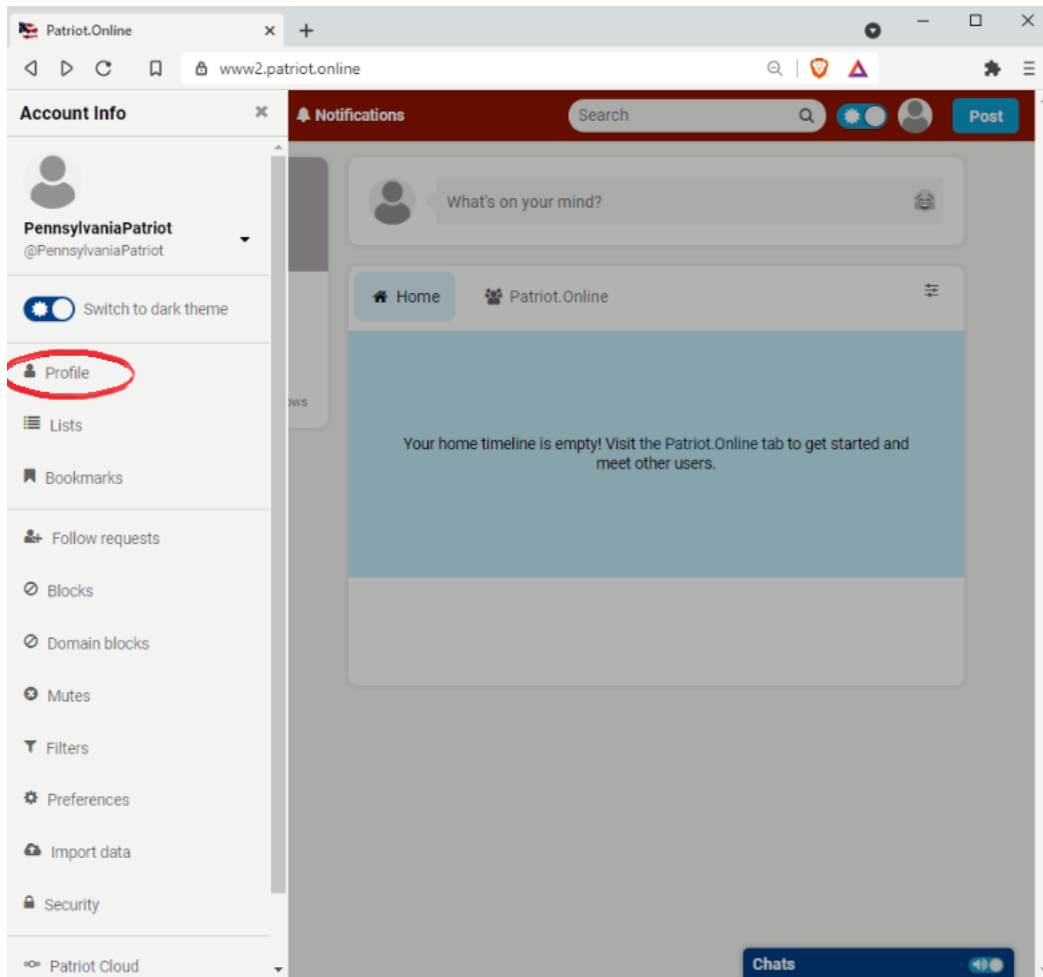


Figure 11 - Narrow screen "Edit Profile" Step 1

Step 2:

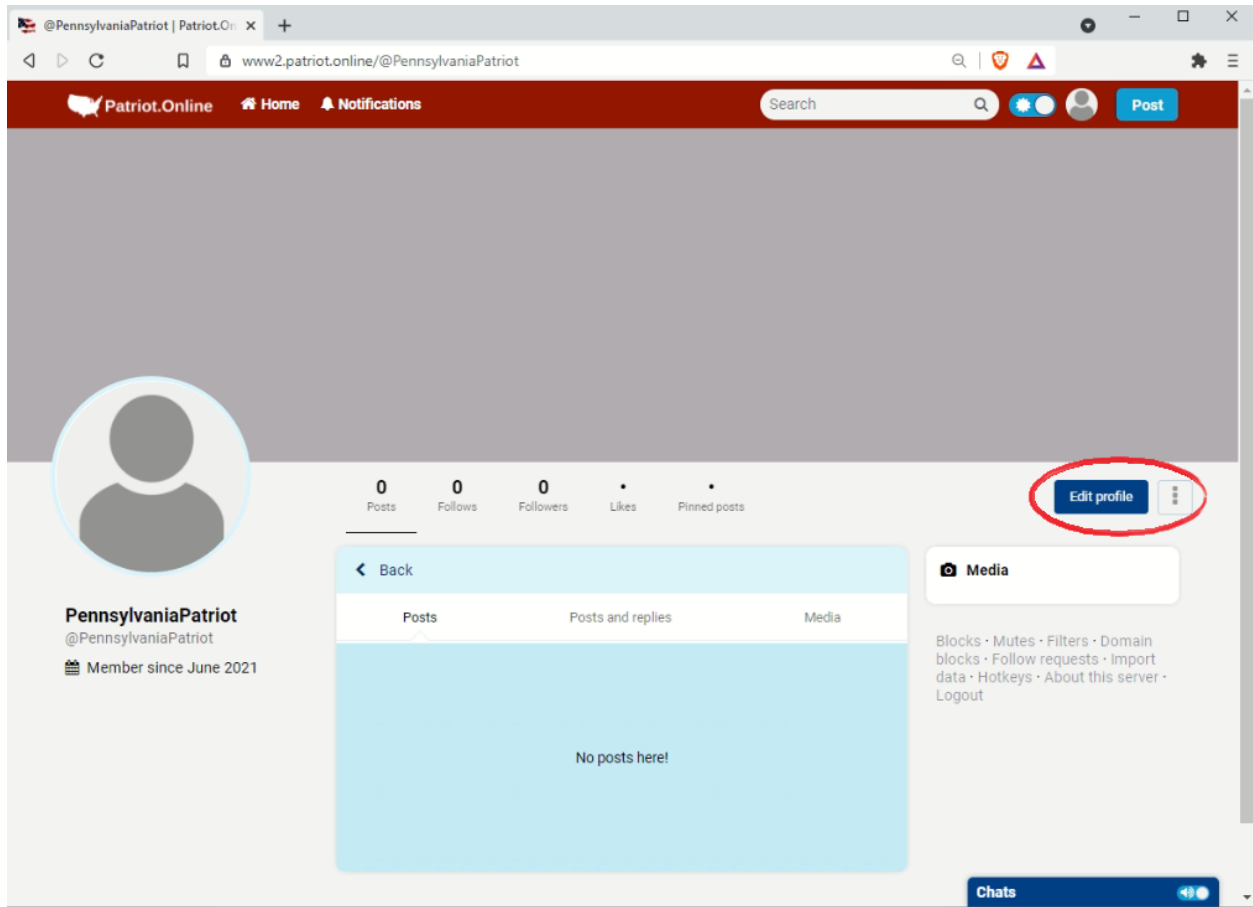


Figure 12 - Narrow screen "Edit Profile" Step 2

Editing your profile:

When you select "Edit Profile" from either wide or narrow screen you will be presented with your "Edit Profile" screen.

Let us start by adding an "header" and "avatar" using the "Choose File" buttons as circled in red below:

Adding your Header and Avatar

Edit profile < Back

Display name
PennsylvaniaPatriot

Bio

Header
Choose File No file chosen
PNG, GIF or JPG. At most 2 MB. Will be downscaled to 1500x500px

Avatar
Choose File No file chosen
PNG, GIF or JPG. At most 2 MB. Will be downscaled to 400x400px

Lock account
Requires you to manually approve followers

This is a bot account
This account mainly performs automated actions and might not be monitored

Profile metadata
You can have up to 10 items displayed as a table on your profile

Label	Content
Label	Content
Label	Content
Label	Content
Label	Content
Label	Content
Label	Content

Chats

Figure 13 - Patriot.Online Edit Profile Header and Avatar Settings

Adding your Patriot.Online Header

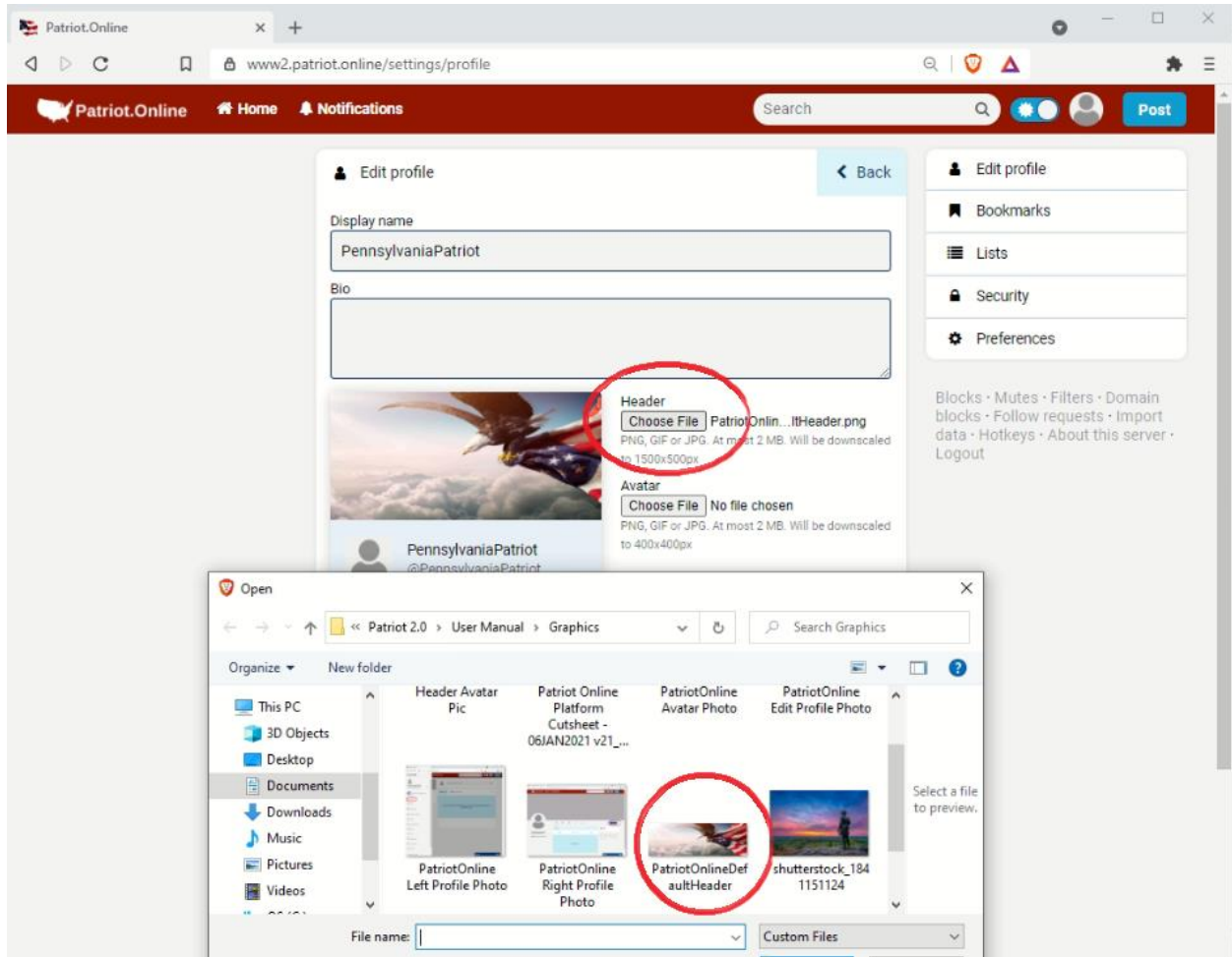


Figure 14 - Adding your Patriot.Online Header.

Adding your Patriot.Online Avatar

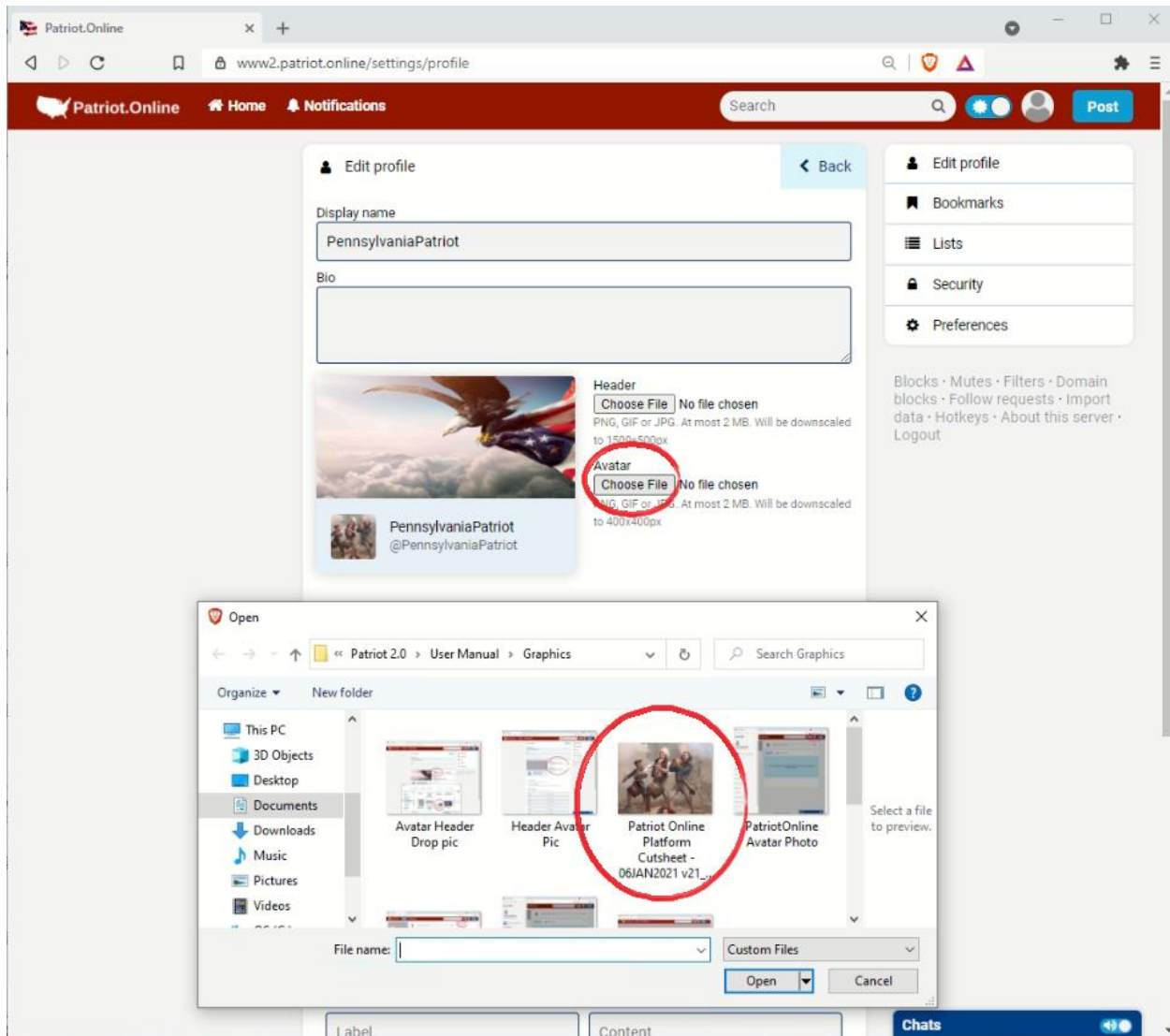


Figure 15 - Adding your Patriot.Online Avatar.

Adding your Patriot.Online Bio

The screenshot shows the 'Edit profile' page on Patriot.Online. The browser address bar shows 'www2.patriot.online/settings/profile'. The page has a red header with 'Patriot.Online', 'Home', 'Notifications', a search bar, and a 'Post' button. On the right, a sidebar contains links: 'Edit profile', 'Bookmarks', 'Lists', 'Security', 'Preferences', and a section for 'Blocks · Mutes · Filters · Domain blocks · Follow requests · Import data · Hotkeys · About this server · Logout'. The main content area is titled 'Edit profile' with a 'Back' button. It contains a 'Display name' field with 'PennsylvaniaPatriot', a 'Bio' field with 'Pennsylvania citizen and 'lesser magistrate'', a 'Header' image upload section, an 'Avatar' image upload section, and two checkboxes: 'Lock account' and 'This is a bot account'. At the bottom is a 'Profile metadata' section with a table of 4 rows and 2 columns (Label, Content).

Edit profile [Back](#)

Display name
PennsylvaniaPatriot

Bio
Pennsylvania citizen and 'lesser magistrate'

Header
[Choose File](#) No file chosen
PNG, GIF or JPG. At most 2 MB. Will be downscaled to 1500x500px

Avatar
[Choose File](#) No file chosen
PNG, GIF or JPG. At most 2 MB. Will be downscaled to 400x400px

☐ **Lock account**
Requires you to manually approve followers

☐ **This is a bot account**
This account mainly performs automated actions and might not be monitored

Profile metadata
You can have up to 10 items displayed as a table on your profile

Label	Content
Label	Content
Label	Content
Label	Content
Label	Content

Figure 16 - Adding your Patriot.Online Bio.

Saving your Patriot.Online Profile Settings

The screenshot shows the 'Patriot.Online' profile settings page. The browser address bar displays 'www2.patriot.online/settings/profile'. The page header includes 'Patriot.Online', 'Home', 'Notifications', a search bar, and a 'Post' button. The profile section shows a cover image, a profile picture, and the name 'PennsylvaniaPatriot' with the handle '@PennsylvaniaPatriot'. Below this, there are two checkboxes: 'Lock account' (requires manual approval of followers) and 'This is a bot account' (for automated actions). The 'Profile metadata' section allows adding up to 10 items, each with a 'Label' and 'Content' field. At the bottom of the settings form, a dark blue 'SAVE' button is circled in red. In the bottom left corner, a green notification bubble with a checkmark says 'Profile saved!'. The bottom right corner features a 'Chats' button.

www2.patriot.online/settings/profile

Patriot.Online Home Notifications Search Post

data · Hotkeys · About this server · Logout

Choose File No file chosen
PNG, GIF or JPG. At most 2 MB. Will be downscaled to 1500x500px

Avatar
Choose File No file chosen
PNG, GIF or JPG. At most 2 MB. Will be downscaled to 400x400px

☐ Lock account
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Profile metadata
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Label	Content

SAVE

Profile saved!

Chats

Figure 17 - Adding your Patriot.Online Bio.

Check Your New Patriot.Online Profile.

Double-click on your new avatar in the upper right-hand corner, or single-click and select your profile.

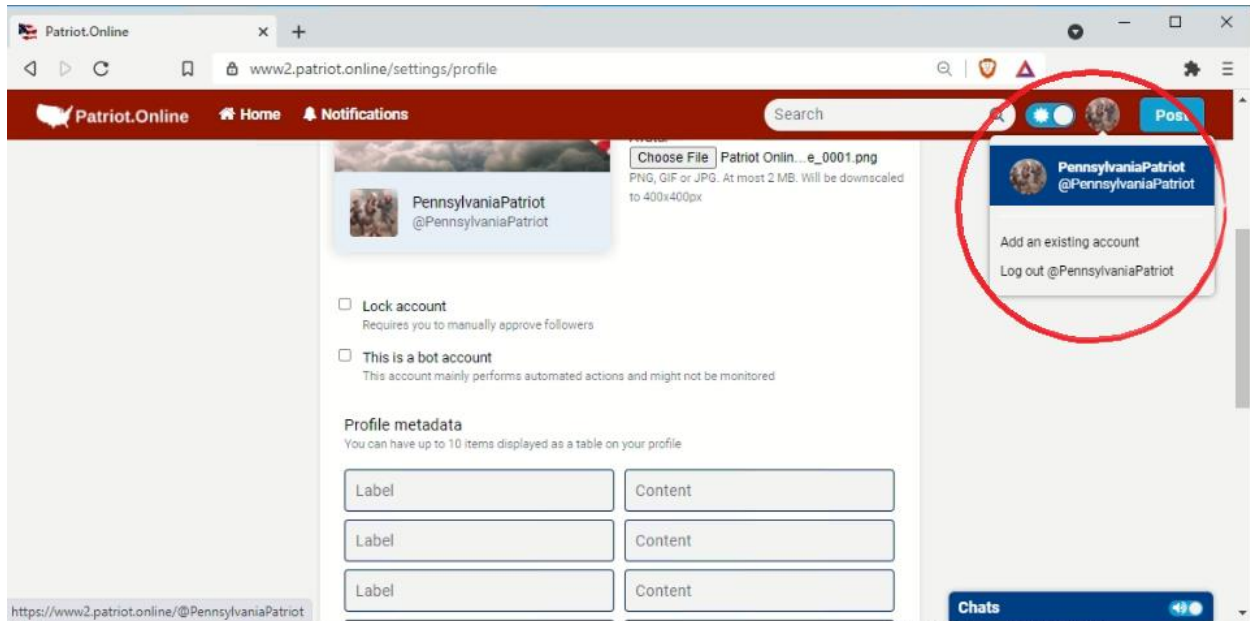
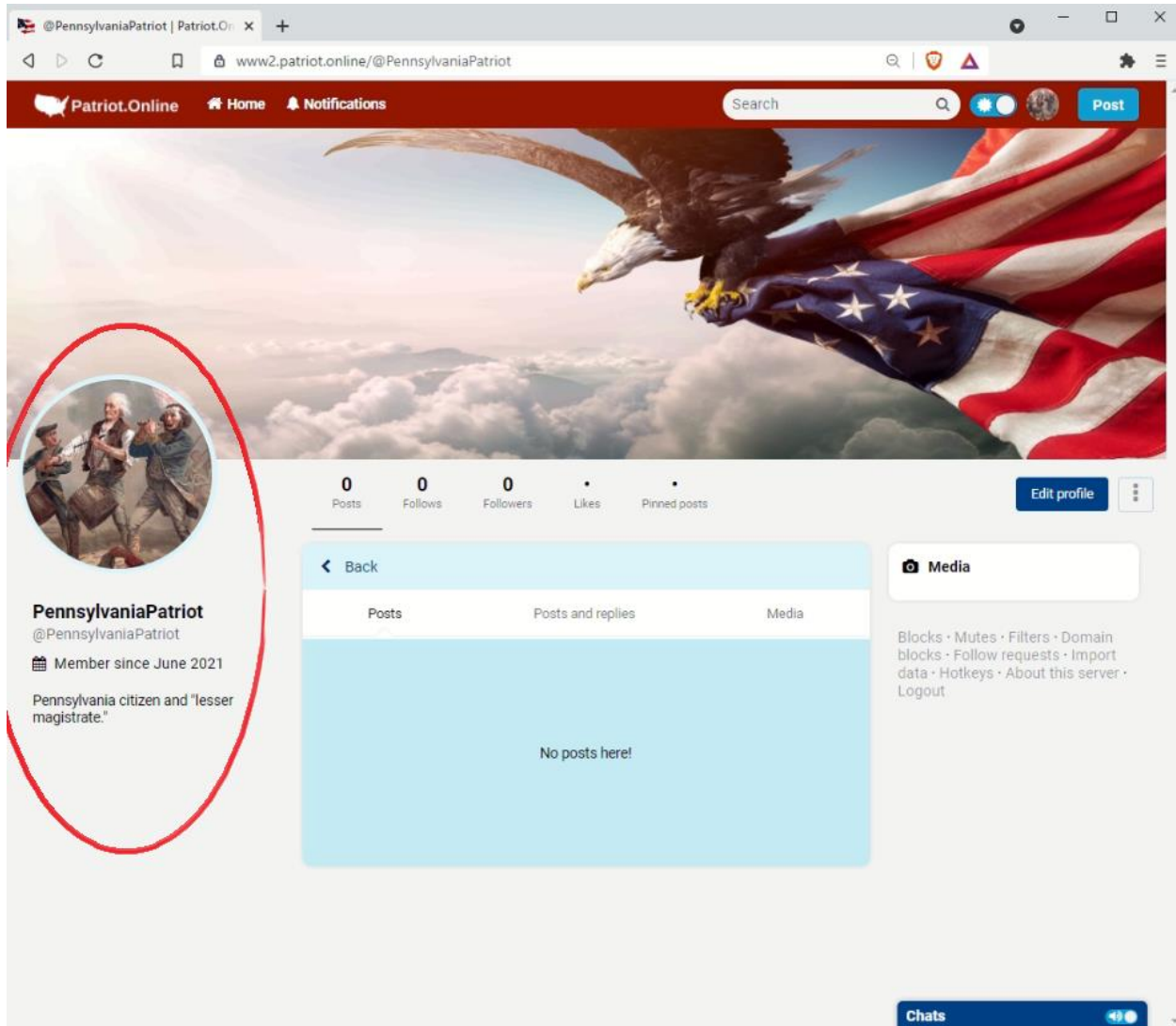


Figure 18 - Navigating to your Updated Patriot.Online Profile.

Your Patriot.Online Profile

Here is what your “Profile” will look like to your fellow Patriot.Online citizens. Take note of your Bio on your profile page and make sure it presents the way you intended!



Adding a second Patriot.Online “Profile”

Single-click on your avatar in the upper right-hand corner, and note the “Add an existing account.” I have already set up a Patriot.Online account under gregorystienstrom, and I will add that account.

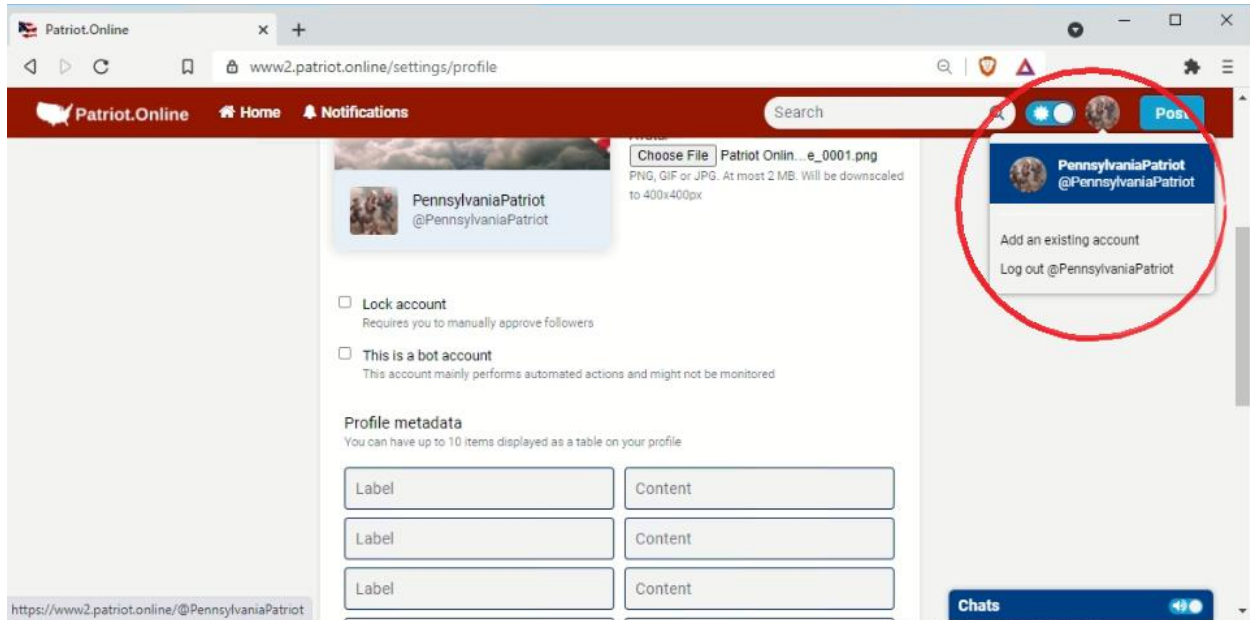


Figure 19 - Adding an existing account.

Click on “Add to existing account”.

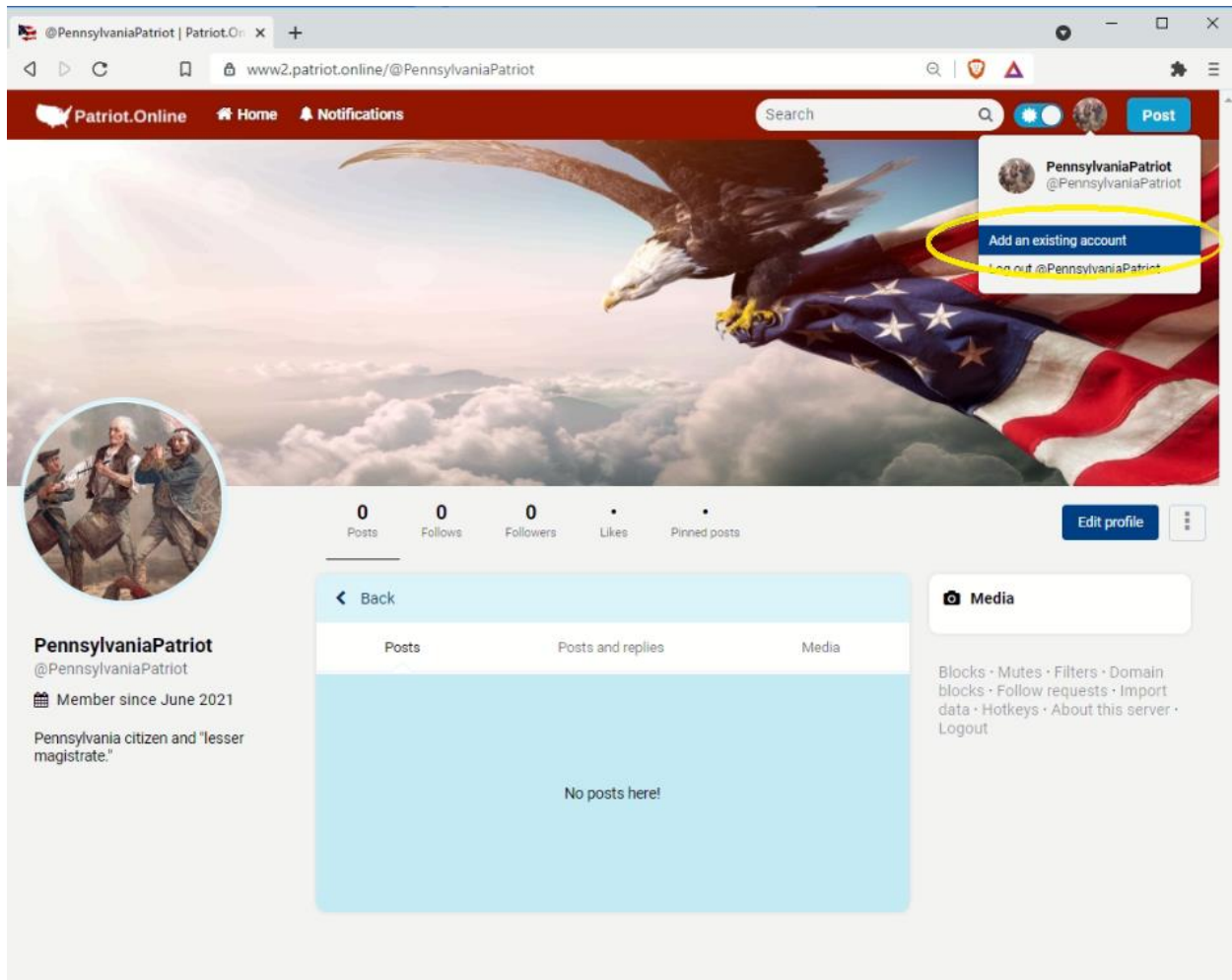


Figure 20 - Click on "Add an existing account."

Login with your existing account

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'www2.patriot.online/auth/sign_in'. The page header is dark red and contains the 'Patriot.Online' logo, 'Home' and 'Notifications' links, a search bar, and a 'Post' button. The main content area is light gray and features two input fields. The first field contains the username 'gregorystenstrom' and the second field contains masked characters. Below these fields is a link that says 'Trouble logging in?'. A dark blue 'LOG IN' button is prominently displayed and circled in red. In the bottom right corner, there is a 'Chats' button.

Figure 21 - Login to your Existing Account

Navigate between your Patriot.Online Accounts

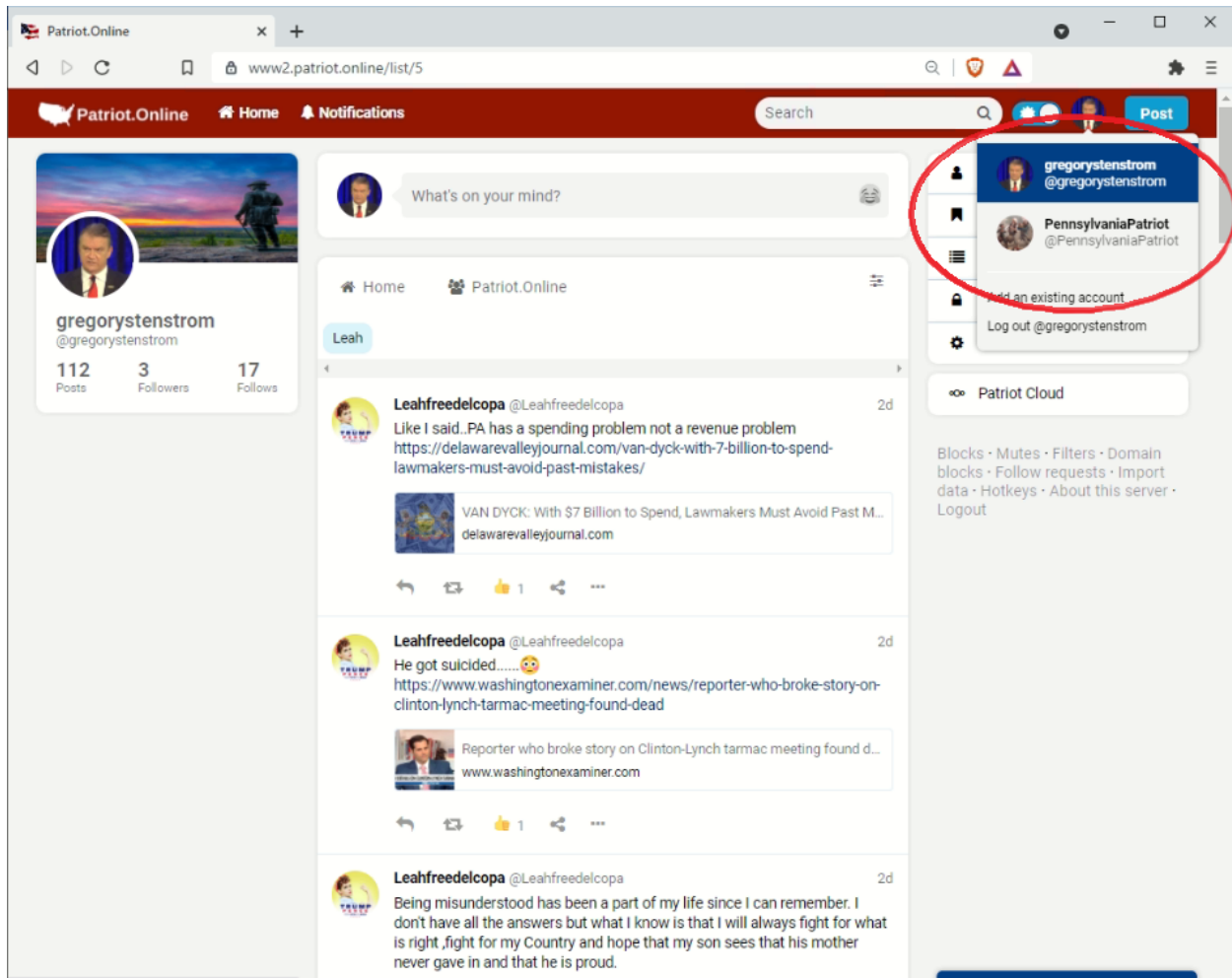


Figure 22 - Navigate between Patriot.Online accounts.

Making your First Post from your Home page

Simply enter your post in the “Whats on my mind?” block, or click on the “Post” button in the upper right corner to launch a pop up “Whats on my mind?” window and when you are done, click “Publish.”

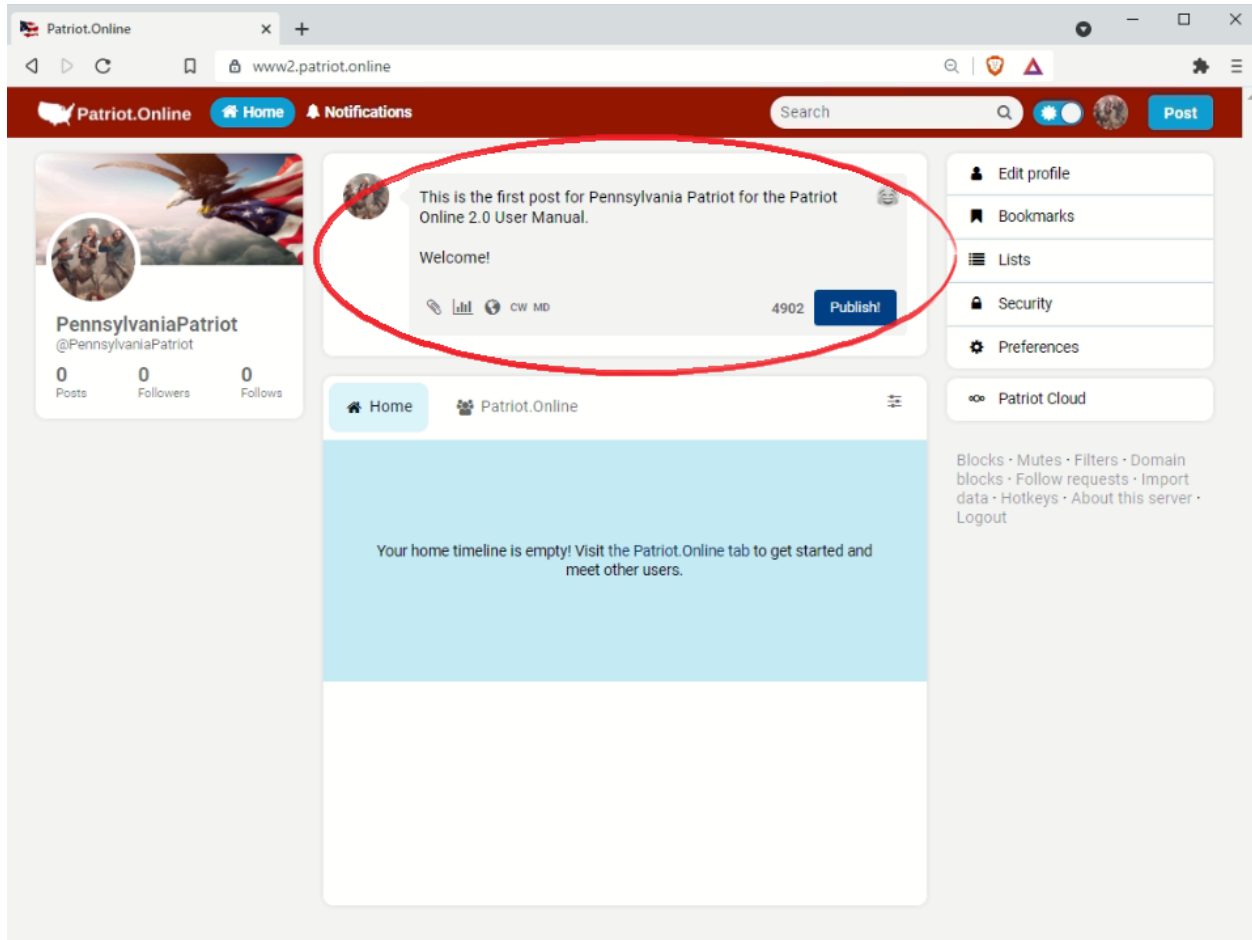


Figure 23 - Posting on Patriot.Online

Your Home page and Home Timeline

Note the two buttons in the center of your Home page – “Home” and “Patriot Online.”

Your “Home” feed will include your posts, and replies to your posts.

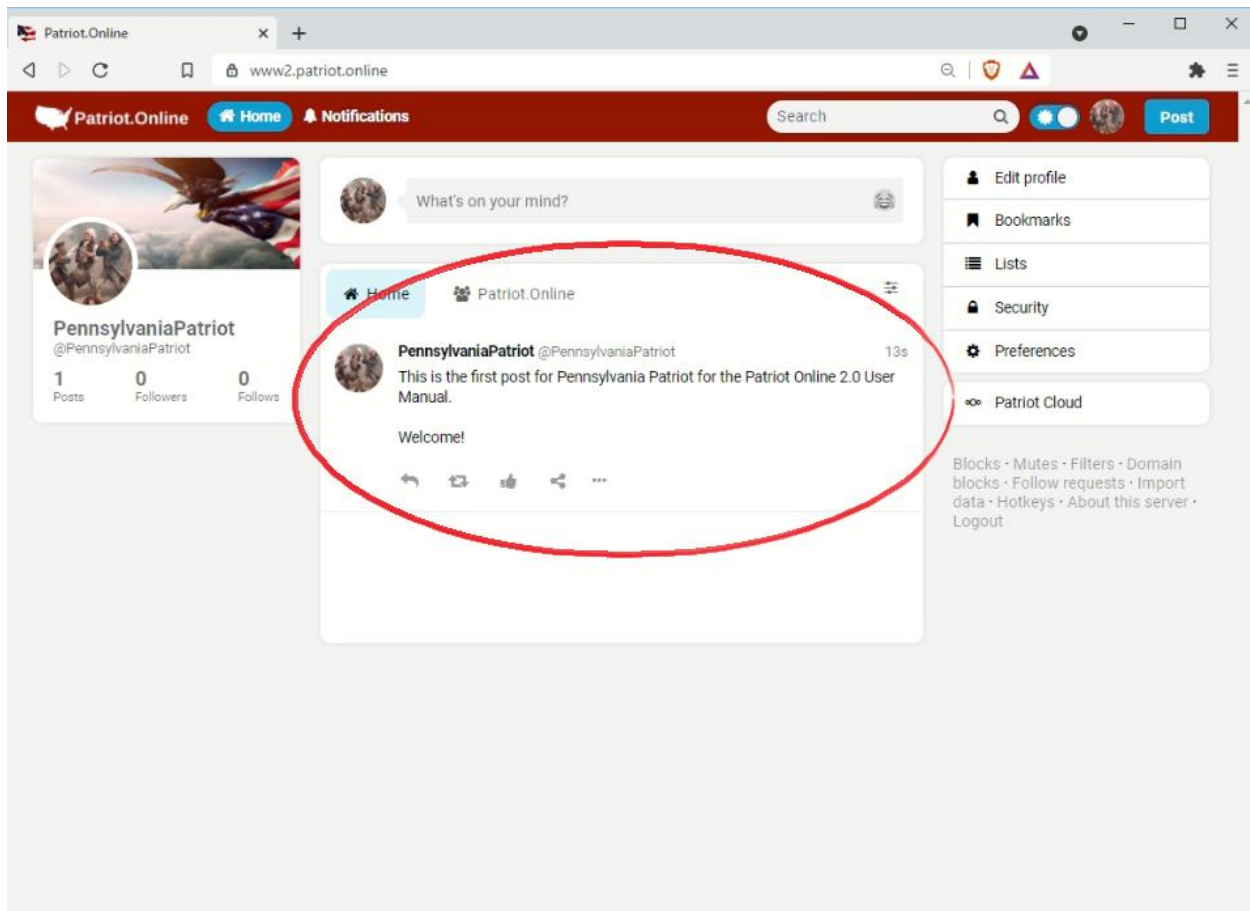


Figure 24 - Checking your Home Page Home Timeline

Your “Patriot.Online” Citizen Community Timeline

If you click on the “Patriot Online” feed you will see the latest community posts from all citizens.

You can customize your experience using the filters slide bar in the upper right corner of the feed (to the right of the “Patriot Online” button), and also create Lists to only read selected posters whom you follow.

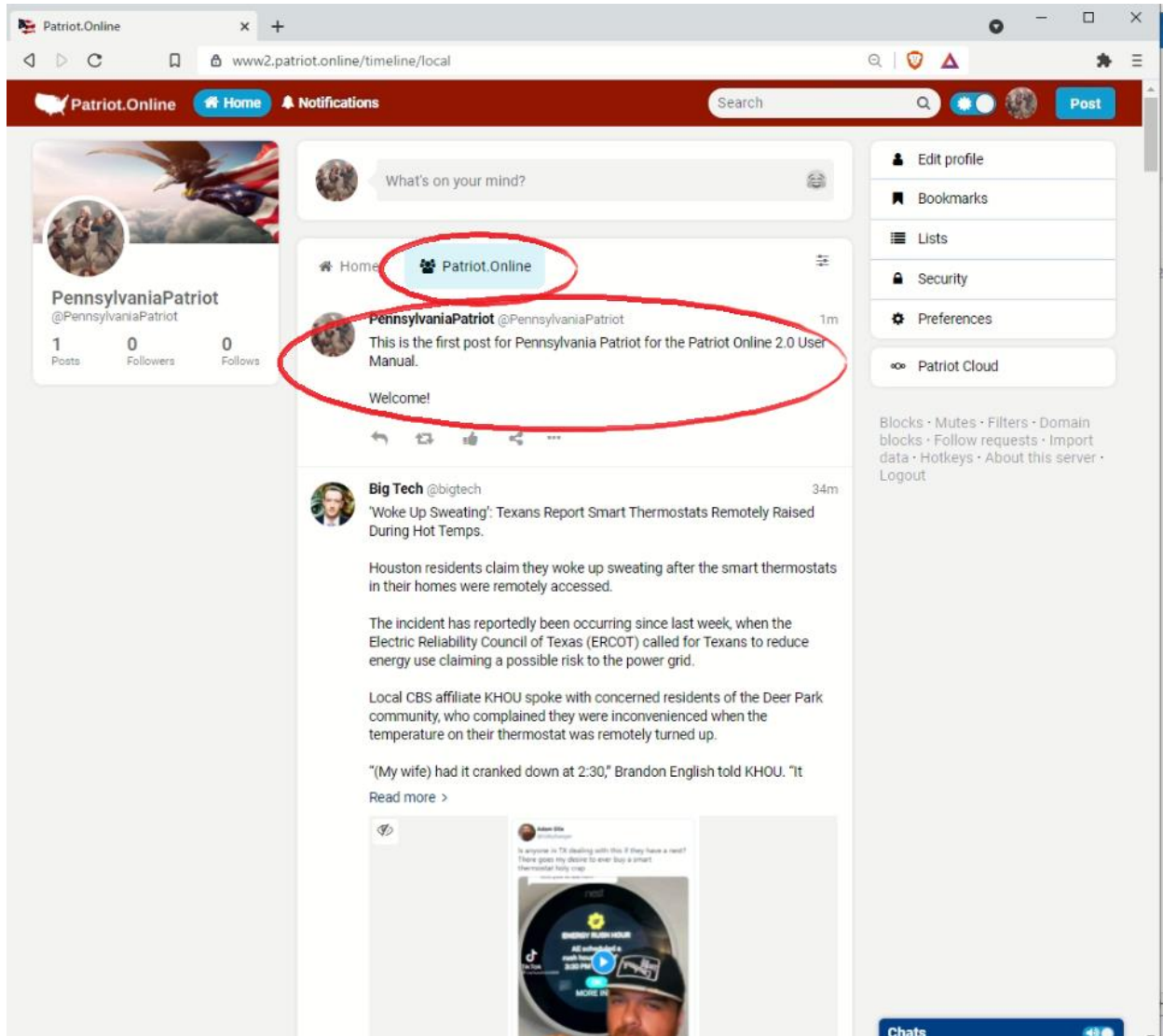


Figure 25 - Your Patriot.Online Citizen Community Timeline

Switching Between Your User Accounts

Note that if you switch to another existing user account, and then select the “Patriot Online” Citizen Community Timeline, you will see your post from your other account in the feed, and can check how it appears to others, and even “like” or reply to your own posts.

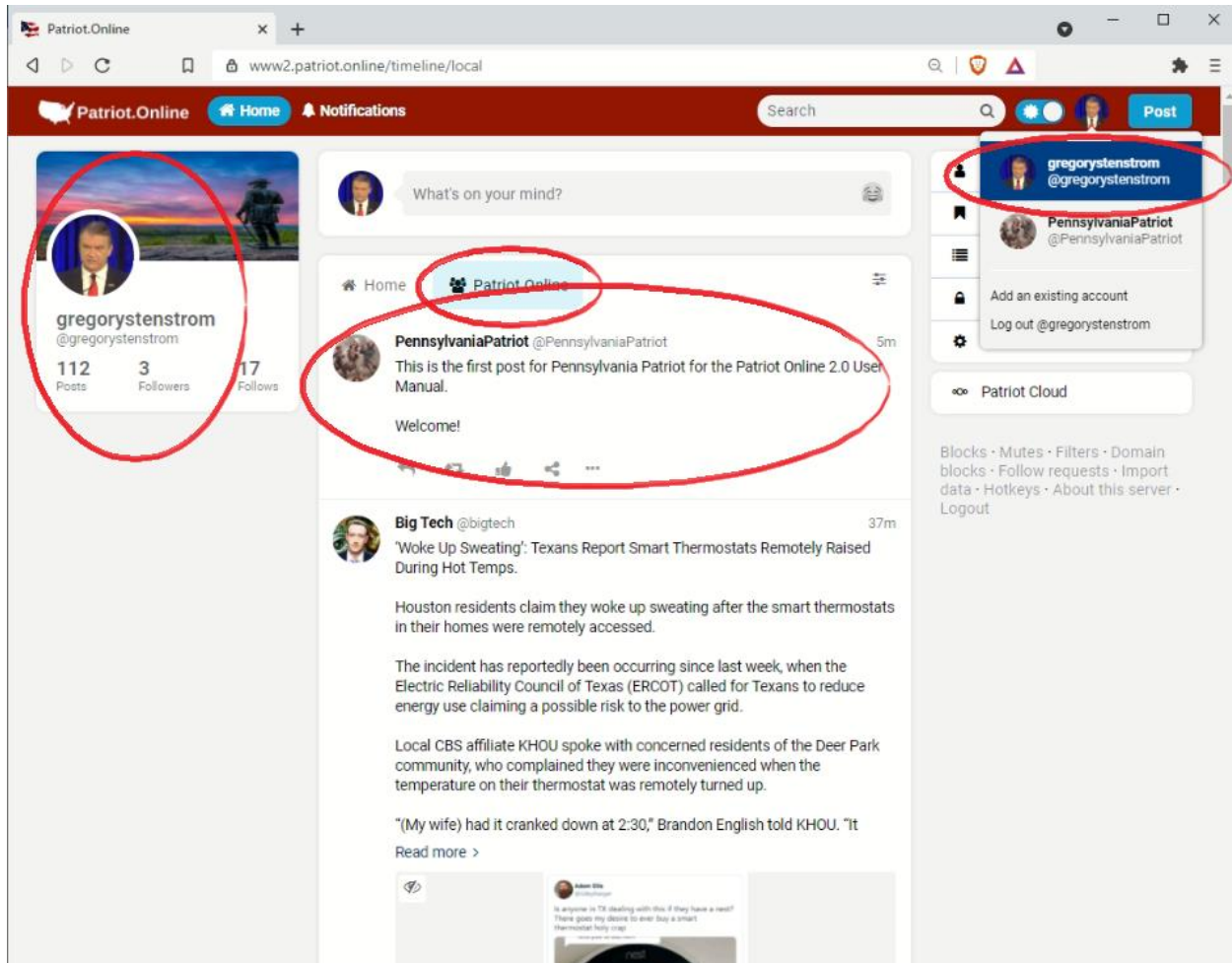


Figure 26 - Switching Between Your Patriot.Online User Accounts

Wrapping Up Your Patriot.Online Quick Start Tour

There are many more features of Patriot.Online we will be updating you on in our Citizen’s User Manual, and you should check back regularly!