

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY



Start Planning for

WORLDCON 2018

The 2018 Worldcon in

San Jose, CA is

approaching quickly,
and we're really excited.

It is never too early to

start planning for Worldcon, so read on to find out what we have in the works.

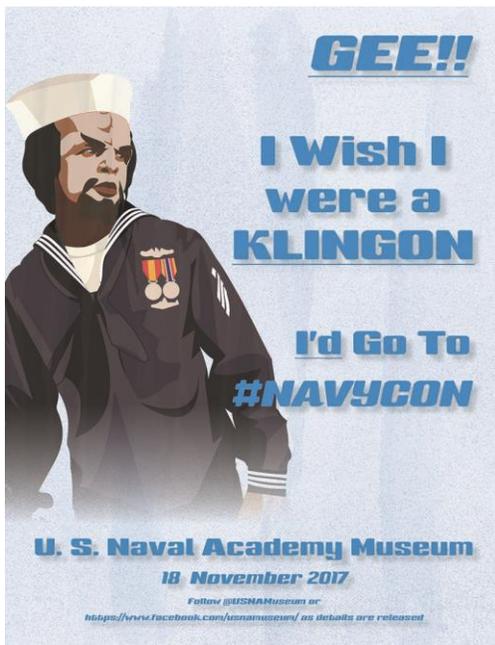


Academic Track Papers:

The Heinlein Society's Board of Directors has authorized a **\$250 cash prize** to be awarded to the Best Paper Presented at the 2018 World Science Fiction Convention's Academic Track. The final evaluation process is under discussion, but will likely involve a judging panel. The deadline for Academic Track papers has been extended to March 1 to allow additional entries. This prize is in addition to the William H. Patterson, Jr., Prize which is evaluated annually by the Society for the best Heinlein-related academic paper in a particular calendar year.

Additionally, The Heinlein Society will be teaming with the [Center for Ray Bradbury Studies](#) and [The Arthur C. Clarke Foundation](#) for Academic Track papers and other con activities.

August 2016, to the University of California, Santa Cruz, to see the physical Heinlein Archives on exhibit at the UCSC's Special Collections Library. Special Collections also said to house a large and unique comic book collection. We anticipate leaving San Jose about 11:00 AM and would love for you to join us – stay tuned for final details on how to let us know you're interested in joining the caravan. Drive time to UCSC is about 30-40 minutes, and lunch will be available at the Special Collections commissary. Transportation plans are still in the works, but may include a drive-by of the Heinlein's Bonny Doon house.



The inaugural [NavyCon](#) was held on the afternoon of 18 November 2017 at the United States Naval Academy Museum. This conference, hoped to be the first of a series of annual conferences, presented topics on the relationship of science fiction to the Navy.

Dr. C. Herbert Gilliland, one of The Heinlein Society's Board of Directors, attended as a (soon-to- retire) Professor of English at the Academy, Robert Heinlein's alma mater. Dr. Gilliland reported that the gathering was small

due to space limitations but highly informative and interesting.

The talks were originally live-streamed, but all 13 talks can be found on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLI5ONlvXUYwyyTqbHxmq1jG3OpqjAA4Q>

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The Heinlein Society will be at [Balticon](#), too, in Baltimore, Maryland, May 25-28. **Come say hello!**

Guests include: Catharine Asaro, Galen Dara, Tim Griffin, Filthy Pierre, Neil Clarke, Ada Palmer, and Larry Niven!

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The Heinlein For Heroes program (H4H) sends free books to troops, veterans, and military families. We send only to individuals or units that have requested SF material. Clearly many of our military men and women WANT to read good science fiction, including Heinlein. To meet that demand, our shipments go around the globe, as well as to veterans' hospitals here at home.

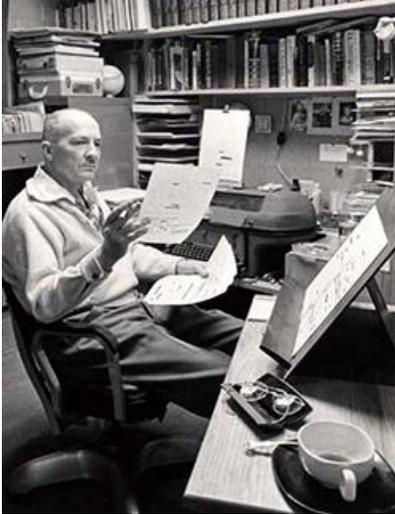


Contributions keep coming in, but your help is still needed. We need gently used paperbacks—and especially Heinleins, as we include Heinlein books in every shipment.

Money contributions are used to buy books wherever we find them (book dealers, eBay)

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Go to heinleinsociety.org/h4h/ for information on where to send books or money.



Treasurer

Do you like numbers? Are figures, spreadsheets, adding, subtracting, and graphs all things that give your life meaning? Most importantly, *are you very good at those things* and want a chance to join us in Paying It Forward? Then volunteering with The Heinlein Society might be a great fit for you. We're looking for someone to help John Tilden, current Baltimorean and all-around great human, with his duties as Treasurer.

TANSTAAFL, so what's in it for you? Camaraderie, a chance to Pay It Forward, and the opportunity to make friends with some really really cool people (by which we mean us, of course!).

[Contact John](#) and bring your own slipstick!



All permanent membership cards for those who became members on or before September 15th, 2017 have been shipped! Please contact Ken Walters at

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