

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY



GET READY FOR WORLDCON 2018

Are you excited about WorldCon? We certainly are!

Here are The Heinlein Society's official confirmed events:



- **Wednesday, August 15:** Field trip to the Heinleins' Bonny Doon house and the Heinlein exhibit at UC Santa Cruz, plus Mission and Vision gathering for Society members. Remember to reserve your spot at both events! And don't forget the Retro Hugo awards!
- **Thursday, August 16:** Worldcon begins! Drop by our table in the Fan Area and say hello, pick up some swag, or get the low-down on our (renowned) Con party.
- **Friday, August 17:** THS party at the Fairmont Hotel from 6pm-midnight, open to all Society members and special guests.

[GET ALL THE DETAILS HERE >>>](#)

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

by Carlin Black, Blood Drive Chair

There will be a blood drive at Worldcon! Probably running Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Watch [The Heinlein Society Blood Drive Page on Facebook](#) for details

We also coordinated successful blood drives at the Watch City Steampunk Festival in Waltham MA, and Marcon in Ohio—which is now an official Heinlein Society Drive! If you're in town, come say hello and donate at KublaCon and Balticon this Memorial Day weekend.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES:

- [Balticon](#), Baltimore MD, May 25-28
- [Kublacon](#), Burlingame CA, May 25-28
- [Westercon](#), Denver CO, July 4-8
- [InConJunction 38](#), Indianapolis, July 6-8
- [Readercon](#) Burlington, MA, July 12-15
- [Gen Con 2018](#), Indianapolis, August 2-5
- [Worldcon 76](#), San Jose, August 16-20
- [Dragoncon](#), Atlanta, Aug 30-Sep 3



[Keep up with Blood Drives news](#)

Over 18,120 Books Sent!

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) at the right price. But free is even better than cheap. Is an SF friend or neighbor downsizing? You can help them and help us!

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

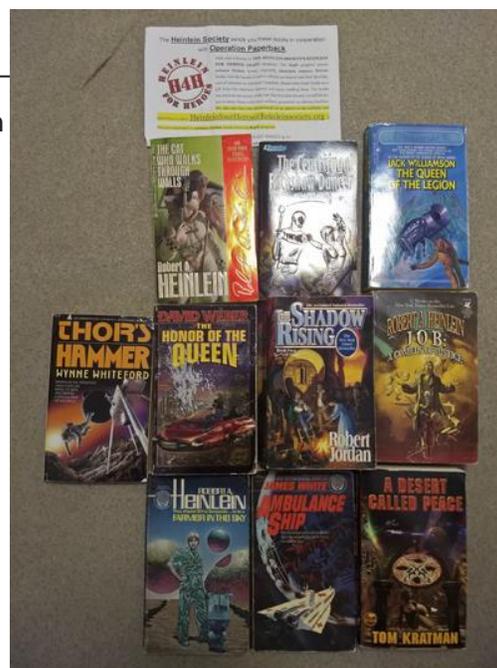


Image: recent shipment

RECENT THANK YOUS:

Thank you for sending the box of books recently to me here in South Korea. I enjoy reading a lot. I have nearly 40 people who currently work for me on base, almost all of them are here for one year whereas I am here for 3 years. I shared some of the books with the people at work and they wanted to send their appreciation as well. I am also lucky to have my kids here with

me and read to them every night. I am hoping to get them addicted to books (and not smartphones and such). Thanks again.

V/r

Larry

Greetings Supportive Citizens of H4H!

This is a quick note to say thank you for the books that you provided for me. I love readings, and they look very enjoyable. I am a disabled veteran, and I really appreciate the support that you provide for veterans like me.

Thanks,

Cindy

H4H's,

Received a box today of all Heinlein books; thank you very much. I have already implored my Soldiers to be careful as some of the books are twice as old as they are. LOL!

Thank you again for the great books, they will provide hours of entertainment.

V/R

LTC Alex D. Corbin

JISE Chief

NSOCC-A/SOJTF-A

I wanted to send you this photo to confirm I received the books here in Egypt.

Thank you so much for all of the reading material! I've been

sharing them with others in my unit and others on the post here.
Thank you again for everything you do for us!

Phil Wolf

Slusser Conference On Science Fiction And Fantasy

by Keith Kato

The George Slusser Conference on Science Fiction and Fantasy was held on April 26-27, on-campus at University of California, Irvine. Though I only made it to day two, I counted 25 SF authors, critics, academics, and a few curious students attended.

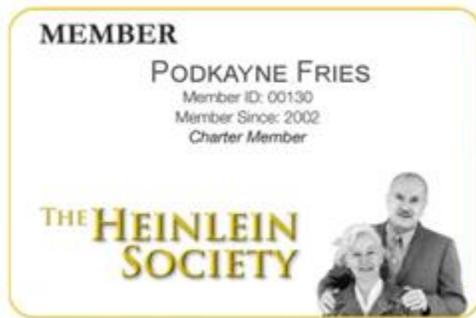
The Slusser Conference honored the legacy of the late George Slusser (1939-2014), an award-winning scholar of science fiction and fantasy, nucleus of the Eaton Collection of SF at the University of California, Riverside, and coordinator of the previously annual Eaton Conference on SF at UC Riverside. UC Irvine Physics Professor Emeritus (and Society member) Dr. Gregory Benford was one of four conference coordinators, jokingly referred to the Slusser Conference as “Eaton In Exile.”



Keith Kato and Kenn Bates at Slusser Conference

Speakers delivered papers as well as participated in panel discussions. Greg Benford and co-coordinator Gary Westfahl graciously allowed me a few unscheduled minutes after the Friday lunch break to announce the Academic Track at the San Jose Worldcon (and the Society's \$250 prize for Academic Track Best Paper), the resumption of the peer-reviewed *Heinlein Journal*, and the activities we have planned for Worldcon.

Highlights of the program included papers by Dr. Bradford Lyau (on Heinlein), Alvaro Zinos-Amaro (on using metadata nodes and mapping for literary analysis), and Society member Dr. David Brin (on heresy).



All permanent membership cards for those who became members on or before September 15th, 2017 have been shipped! Please contact Ken Walters at membershiprenewal@heinleinsociety.org if you have not received yours.

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