

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY



RENEW TODAY TO BE ENTERED TO WIN A VIRGINIA EDITION!



You don't want to miss out on this year's drawing for a Virginia Edition, so if you haven't renewed, now is the time! If your membership has lapsed, it's not too late to re-join!

For the third year in a row, the Society will raffle off a complete set of the Virginia Edition in September 2019. All you have to do is join or stay a member! A \$45 Regular membership is all it takes to enter.

Eligibility: "Regular" members who join or renew their membership on or after 9/1/2018 and before 8/31/19, as well as "Lifetime" members, will be eligible for a random drawing for a "Virginia Edition" collection of Robert A. Heinlein's entire published works. "Supporting" and "Honorary" members are not eligible. Our previous winners are also ineligible.

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY AWARDS WORLDCON 2018 ACADEMIC PRIZES

The Heinlein Society has awarded two prizes for academic papers presented at the 2018 WorldCon in San Jose. Each is the first ever awarded in its category, and these are the only academic awards given for the con. Each prize consists of a congratulatory letter and a check for \$250.00.

The first Heinlein Society Prize for best academic paper presented at the WorldCon was given to Ethan Mills for his paper, "Le Guin's Deism." Prof. Mills is an assistant professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Our award committee was impressed by the clarity, scope and precision of Mills' description and analysis of the profoundly important influence of Deism upon Le Guin's thought and work.

The first-ever William H. Patterson Prize for best academic paper presented at the WorldCon on a Heinlein-relevant topic went to BE Allatt, an independent scholar from Austin, TX, for their paper, "Questioning Mononormativity: Heinleinian Non-Monogamies." The award committee saw their paper as a very thorough and thoughtful analysis of a topic significantly embodied and dramatized in much of Heinlein's fiction.

We again congratulate both of these scholars on their success!

Correction: Robert A. Heinlein *Award* Goes to One of THS's Own!

Last Newsletter referred to the Robert A. Heinlein Prize, which was incorrect.

Heinlein Society Life Member Gregory Benford has been announced as the 2019 recipient of the Robert A Heinlein *Award*, which will be presented at Balticon over Memorial Day weekend. If you are a member in the Baltimore area or if you'll be in town for Balticon and you'd like to be a part of celebrating Greg, please email chairman@heinleinsociety.org with your contact information. We will be sending out more information to those interested as we get closer to the convention weekend.

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

by Carlin Black, Blood Drive Chair

Heinlein Blood Drives collected 58 donations at Anime Boston, thanks to John Hodges and the Red Cross! Our new drive, CollectiveCon in Jacksonville,FL, collected 33 donations (Thank you Sammy Chhour of LifeSouth!).

Upcoming drives for Memorial Day Weekend are a three-day drive at KublaCon, as well as a one-day drive at Bay Con.

We can always use people who want to Pay It Forward by coordinating a blood drive at their favorite con(s) or helping out at existing Heinlein Blood Drives. Blood Drive Worker Bees do not have to be blood donors or attend the con, although a walk around pass is usually a perk of the deal!

Contact BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org with your location and favorite cons and we will try to match you up.

Help us share the **Pay It Forward** mission!



Watch [The Heinlein Society Blood Drive Page on Facebook](#) for more details!

This fiscal year, we've made 249 shipments, totaling 2,869 books distributed. Since the program's inception, we've sent 21,969 total books to our heroes.



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.

Thank you Kathy Sands!

Kathy Sands gifted The Heinlein For Heroes program with 2899+ books!

Thank you Connie Taylor, Fathom Publishing Company

Connie Taylor gifted The Heinlein for Heroes program 165+ books!

John Seltzer, Co-Chair of Heinlein For Heroes, was recognized at the post office recently! Here's his story:

"Today when I took my last H4H shipment for May [yes I'm ahead] to the Post Office a counter worker recognized The H4H postal label we use and asked me "Is this you?", pointing at our mailing label. He walked up to me and said "I want to shake your hand." He went on to tell me he was a veteran and he

appreciated us sending out books to veterans. He said not many people care about veterans and what we're doing is a great thing. I told him how to register with Operation Paperback to get free books. This made my day."



To the awesome volunteers at H4H,

I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you for thinking of us and sending us so many great books. I've included some photos of our team. The items sent to us through this program go right back to our Airmen. Thanks again for your support!

-Hanna S. Sparks, Capt, USAF

I just want to take a moment to thank you, your organization, and all the generous people who provide books and monetary donations to H4H.

I'm an Army reservist, currently deployed for a year to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. While rummaging despondently through a box of donated books, imagine my surprise and delight when I discovered several Heinlein titles hiding in the bottom corner and buried under discarded self-help guides and generic James Patterson thrillers.

As a teenager, I devoured everything I could find by Robert A. Heinlein, and I consider his work to be my favorite of the science fiction genre. That was in the 1980's, and as much as I loved his fiction, his non-fiction articles and forwards are what drove me to study science and engineering. I have been an electrical/electronics engineer for my entire adult life, and an Army reservist for the past 17 years. Mr. Heinlein's writing had a major impact on my life and my worldview, but I had not revisited his work for several decades. If the opportunity arises, I would love to see more of his work here. I only found three different titles here, so far.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to rekindle my love of science fiction, and to share some great books with my fellow soldiers. Thank you for keeping Mr. Heinlein's legacy alive, and for paying it forward. Were he alive today, he would be very proud of the work you're doing.

Very respectfully,

SGT Mark Richards

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To Whom It May Concern,

Today we received a generous donation of two boxes of books (a total of 18 books) from John Seltzer of Bellingham, WA. You can be assured that these books will be put to good use. We not only use these books to stock our main library, but also to distribute in patient waiting areas on "Little Free Libraries". These books provide a much-needed distraction for veteran patients and their families during an often-difficult period in their lives. We, and our entire Orlando VA community, greatly appreciate this wonderful donation.

Thank you,

Ryan P. Gray

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan P. Gray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "R" and "G".

Date: May 06, 2019

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Dear THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY:

On behalf of the Detroit - John D. Dingell VAMC patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of BOOKS.

It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

William R. Browning
Chief, Volunteer and Community Relations

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April 15, 2019

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Veterans and staff of the Northern Arizona VA Health Care System, I want to thank you for your generous donation. Your donation is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use.

Our goal at the Prescott VA is to deliver the best possible health care to each and every patient. Your donation will help enhance the care and services that our Veterans are able to receive every day.

Your interest and support of the Veterans at the Prescott VA are valued very much. I hope that you will continue to help us in our efforts to provide the best possible care to our Nation's heroes. An updated Needs List is enclosed to help you understand what our highest priority needs are.

Again, thank you for caring and helping us provide a positive experience for patients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Aljets".

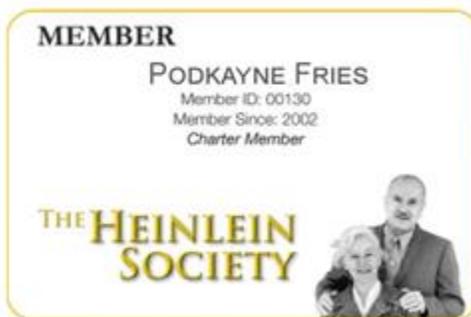
Patricia Aljets
Voluntary Service Manager

Encl.

Date: March 15, 2019

Donation: Hacksaw

In accordance with VHA Directive 4721, we are required to state "The Department of Veterans Affairs did not provide you, the donor, any goods or services in consideration in whole or part for your contribution." Note: Items that we cannot use at the Prescott VA are offered to other community agencies that serve Veterans and families in need.



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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