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# THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY



**Happy September!**

Hard to believe it is already September! The Heinlein Society has been busy. Here's what we've been up to since July:

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## **New Officers Announced!**

At its Organizational meeting held September 9, 2019, the Board of Directors elected a new slate of Officers that also serve as the Executive Committee of the Heinlein Society:

John Tilden, President & Chairman of the Board

C. Herbert Gilliland, Vice-President/Secretary

Beatrice Kondo, Treasurer.

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[Click here for the annual meeting results!](#)

## Hello!

by John Tilden



I wanted to take a moment to let you all know that I am honored to be chosen as the sixth President of The Heinlein Society at the first meeting of your new board on September 9, 2019. After serving for seven years as your Treasurer, it is an interesting challenge to be responsible for the overall health and welfare of our organization. While I cannot promise I won't make any mistakes along the way, I care deeply about THS and I will do my best to keep us on the path to do good works that honor Robert A. Heinlein's legacy. I look forward to meeting more of you and hearing how we can use your volunteer energy. I thank you for your continued support through your membership dues and monetary donations towards our programs as well! I'd like to close by saying "thank you" to Geo Rule, our new Immediate Past President. Geo has been a friend for a long time and his willingness to lead THS over the past year was a gift to us all. --"JT"



John Tilden is invested with the Scepter of Presidentiality (A gift from former THS President Geo Rule), as Treasurer Beatrice Kondo takes the Oath of Office on a copy of Friday.

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## Worldcon 2019

2019 Dublin Worldcon

By Keith Kato

The 77<sup>th</sup> World Science Fiction Convention (“Worldcon”) was held in Dublin, Ireland, 15-19 August 2019. Most con activity happened at the Convention Centre Dublin, near the docks. The Heinlein Society had a smaller-than-last-year but still significant presence, with Board members (Herb Gilliland, Joe Haldeman, Mike Sheffield, Betsey Wilcox), Committee chairs and workers (Arwen Grune, Will Hamilton, Sharon Sheffield), and other Society members (Ty Arnold, Andrew and Janica Hindle, Keith Kato, Heidi Lyshol, Brad Lyau, G. David Nordley, Alan Petrillo) all lending their time to help. Joining us was the newly-designated Managing Director of The Center For Ray Bradbury Studies, Jason Aukerman of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (“IUPUI”). The Heinlein contingent helped run or participate in:

- An (unofficial) theater party to see the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary production of the internationally famous show *Riverdance*.
- The Society’s Fan Table with information about THS, ribbons, literature, and displays.

- The Heinlein Society's Party.

[Read the full story here!](#) (And check out the photos of what we got up to in [Dublin!](#))

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## BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

by Carlin Black, Blood Drive Chair

I saw a note at the blood center after donating yesterday that only 38% of the population can Pay it Forward by donating. Only 10% do. The good news is that 62% of you can still Pay it Forward by encouraging one of the 28% to donate by running or helping out at a blood drive. Just getting one eligible friend to donate at a Con with a blood drive lets you be a hero and save lives. To find out more contact [blooddrivechair@heinleinsociety.org](mailto:blooddrivechair@heinleinsociety.org)

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](mailto: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!

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**This fiscal year, we've made 372 shipments, totaling 4,484 books distributed. Since the program's inception, we've sent 23,584 total books to our heroes.**

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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!

You can send us books at:

Heinlein for Heroes  
c/o John Seltzer  
2906 Alvarado Dr.  
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Go to [heinleinsociety.org/h4h/](http://heinleinsociety.org/h4h/) for information!

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July 08, 2019

The Heinlein Society  
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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,

Patricia Aljets  
Voluntary Service Manager

Encl.

Date: July 08, 2019

Donation: Books

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.



**Captain James A. Lovell  
Federal Health Care Center  
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August 29, 2019

In Reply Refer To: 556/135

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of our veterans at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center, please accept my warmest thanks for your recent donation of books.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by our medical center staff and by the veteran patients we proudly serve. Our veterans enjoy knowing that the sacrifices they have made for our country are remembered.

Again, thank you for your kindness and support of veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth L. List". The signature is written in a cursive style.

KENNETH L. LIST  
Chief, Community Affairs

I just wanted to thank  
you for your paperbacks.  
My husband and I are veterans  
and we attend the First Presbyterian  
Veterans group in Russellville, KY.  
Thank you again for thinking of  
us.  
Sincerely,  
The Heroes



Questions about your membership or automatic renewal? Please contact Ken Walters at [membershiprenewal@heinleinsociety.org](mailto:membershiprenewal@heinleinsociety.org).

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