

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY



Happy New Year!



Here's how The Heinlein Society is kicking off the new decade:

New Year, Fresh New Look for our Website

If you haven't been to [The Heinlein Society page](https://www.heinleinsociety.org/) lately, <https://www.heinleinsociety.org/>, please stop by and take a look at our new updated page! Along with a new look, we have a new simplified payment system. Don't worry, if you have an existing recurring payment, no action needs to be taken. But,

if you need to renew your membership, things have improved. One new item that is required is that you have to log-on to purchase your membership. Setting up your account is easy. You may continue to use PayPal, but now you have the option of bypassing PayPal and using a credit card through a different pay service. If you aren't sure if you need to renew, or have any questions, please contact Ken Walters at membershiprenewal@heinleinsociety.org

Applications are Open for The Heinlein Society Scholarships

by Mike Sheffield

We are very pleased to announce our ninth annual scholarship essay contest for the 2020 -2021 academic year is now open. Three \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students of accredited 4-year colleges and universities.

The "Virginia Heinlein Memorial Scholarship" is dedicated to a female candidate majoring in engineering, math, or biological or physical sciences. The Dr. Yoji Kondo and Dr. Jerry Pournelle scholarships may be awarded to a candidate of any gender, and add "Science Fiction as literature" as an eligible field of study.

Applicants will need to submit a 500-1,000 word essay on one of several available topics.

The application deadline is April 1, 2020. Winners will be announced on July 7, 2020.

For more details go to <http://www.heinleinsociety.org/scholarship-program/>



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Blood Drive Update - Coordinators Wanted!

by Carlin Black, Blood Drive Chair

The Heinlein Society needs people all over the country who want to Pay It Forward as blood drive coordinators! If you're headed to a Con (or even if you live near one) and are interested in helping Pay It Forward, please reach out to BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org to learn about the awesome perks of coordinating a blood drive.

The next opportunities to get the RAH designed blood donor pin and other SWAG:

Boscone www.boscone.org in Boston Feb 15-16

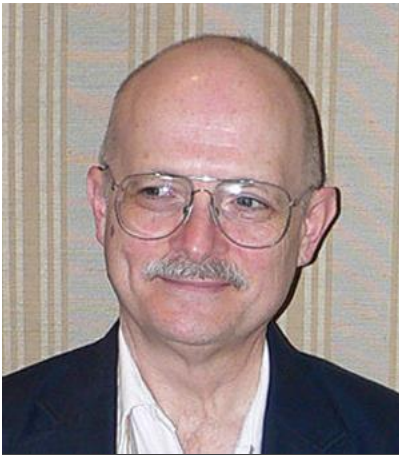
Pantheacon pantheacon.org in San Jose CA Feb 15-16

You don't have to be going to the con, if you are nearby look for the BloodMobile.

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



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



Congratulations to Vernor Vinge, 2020 Heinlein Award recipient! The Heinlein Award is presented by the Baltimore Science Fiction Society. The award will be presented during Balticon 54. Read the full story [here](#).

This fiscal year, we've made 120 shipments already, totaling 417 books distributed. Since the program's inception, we've sent 25,885 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!

You can send us books at:

Heinlein for Heroes
c/o John Seltzer
2906 Alvarado Dr.
Bellingham, WA 98229

Go to heinleinsociety.org/h4h/ for information!

I just wanted to reach out to you and thank you for your support. I've received your box of books and I want you to know the difference it makes in my friends and I's daily life aboard USS Ronald Reagan. We are currently enjoying all the different titles and have found some books in your package that I'm sure will be well read by the end of this deployment. Thank you to you and Operation Paperback for making this a continued possibility!

Very Respectfully,

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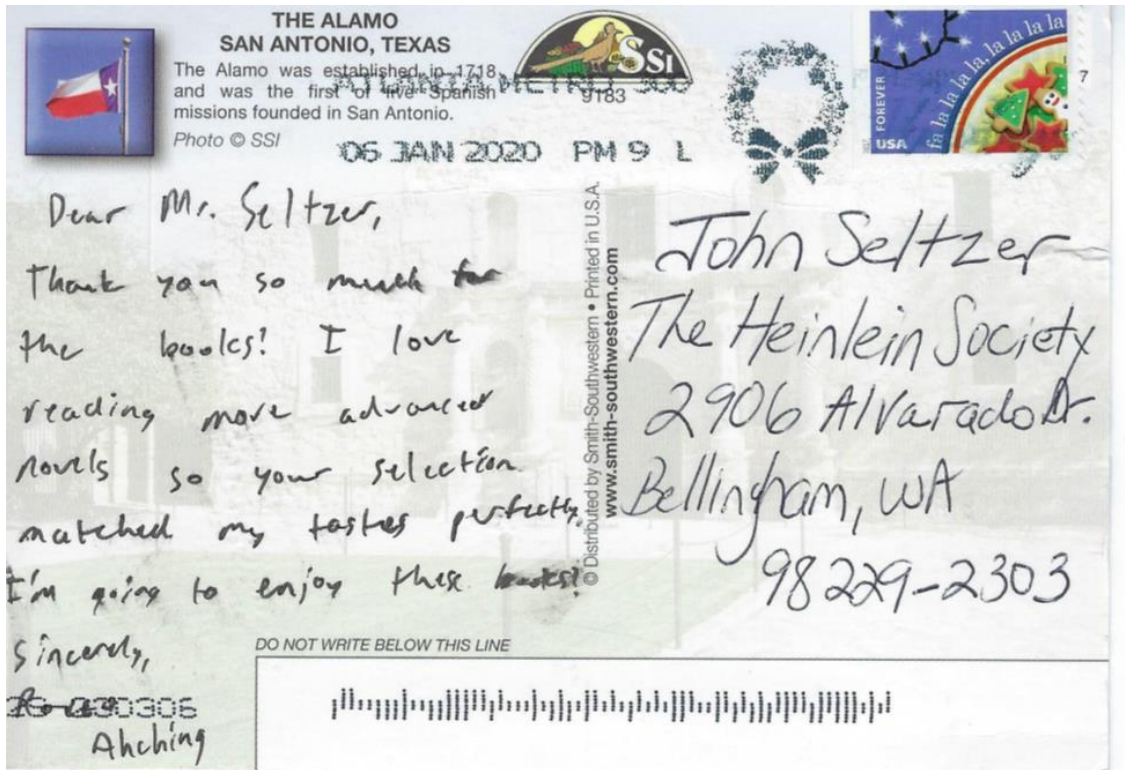


Dear Lazarus Long:

I just received a nice and thoughtful care package of books today here in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Thank you so my caring and supporting your Troops.

Merry Christmas!

John P. Casto
CW3, AV



Hello,

I just want to send another message to let you know we have received several packages from a variety of volunteers. The ongoing support of your organization has helped our clinic maintain an ample selection of quality reading material. Thank you for your ongoing support!!!

Justin Woods, LCSW
Transition and Care Management Social Worker
Orlando VA Healthcare System, Viera OPC

I have just received the 7th delivery of books from your fine organization. I can't thank you enough for your kindness and generosity.

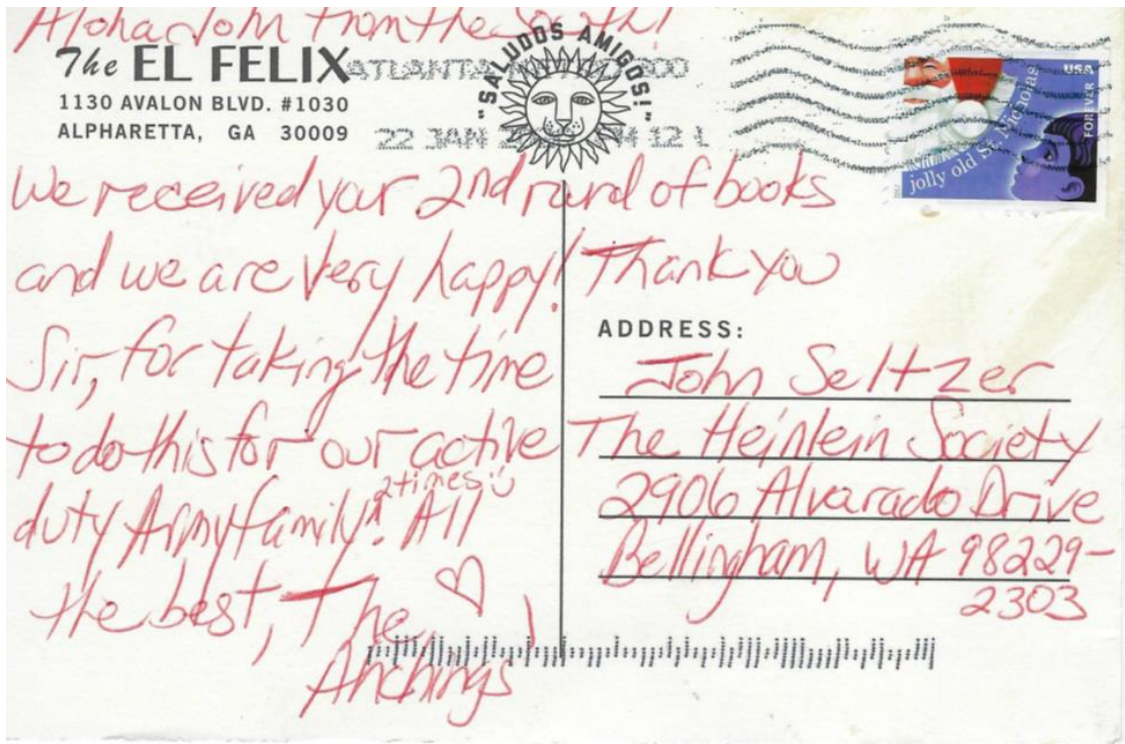
We here all wish you a safe holiday season. Thank you again for supporting your Troops.

John P. Casto
CW3, AV

ACLON,

I have recieved two orders of books for my unit, which is the 411th Transportation Detachment, in Kuwait. We would like to thank you all so very much for kind donation and we look forward to taking some time to relax and enjoy one of the many excellent books sent out to us from you. Thank you.

Benjamin A. Izzo
CW2, TC
2nd Mate
411th Trans. Det.
KNB, Kuwait



Hi Chrissy!

I've used your books to set up quite a few little libraries at the different bases we have here in Kosovo! They will be there for soldiers to use for years to come(: Thank you very much for supporting us!

Best,
SPC Ice

I received not one but two wonderful boxes of books, puzzle magazines and calendars!! Thank you so much to the SciFi books for Military heaping boox of Sci-fi books i will devour then pass on to the next Veteran or service member to enjoy. The puzzle books, movies and really great audio books are loved! Will also pass on the movies after watching and audio books after listening to them. Especially

interested in the King Solomon's Mines book. Thank you also for the lovely card. Thank you both and Operation Paperback for this great program. As a homebound disabled Veteran access to shared books is so wonderful! Thank you and know that these gifts will be shared to another name on the OP list after I have my turn.

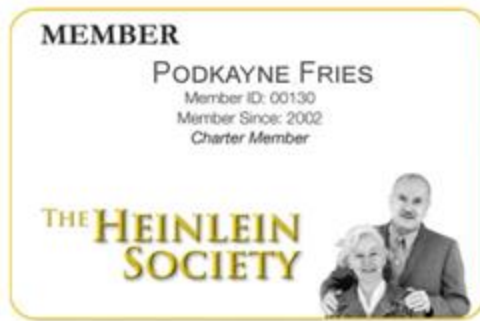
Thank you;

Hollie Bethany

US Army Veteran and Army Mom

For the Good of the Order:

- Heinleiners attending the 2020 Worldcon in Wellington, New Zealand, 29 July-2 August 2020, should be aware that hotel room reservations begin booking on 3 December 2019, 09:00 AM local New Zealand time. New Zealand, being in the southern hemisphere, is presently observing Daylight Savings Time until 5 April 2020. At the moment, for those of us in the Pacific Standard Time zone, Wellington is +21 hours ahead (which includes DST and the International Date Line). Adjust accordingly for wherever you might be. Further information: <https://conzealand.nz/> .
 - Because the 2020 Worldcon will be off the North American continent, the NASFiC ("North American Science Fiction Convention) will be held in Columbus, Ohio, 20-23 August 2020. Further information: <http://columbus2020nasfic.org/> .
 - Those planning to attend the 2021 Worldcon in Washington, DC ("DisCon III"), 25-29 August 2021, can find rate information at the DisCon site, <https://discon3.org/> .
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