

**February 2021**

# THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY



We hope you're staying safe and warm this February. Here's what The Heinlein Society has been up to!



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**COMING SOON:** A Combined Heinlein Society/Heinlein Journal website

We hope you've been enjoying the newest issues of the Heinlein Journal as a benefit of your Regular or Lifetime Membership! We are working behind the scenes to merge the Heinlein Journal website into the main Heinlein Society site so that you will only need one account going forward. Please look for an email announcing the change in late February or early March 2021.

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## **The Heinlein Journal Needs YOU!**

The Heinlein Journal is seeking authors!

Do you have a neat Heinlein-related idea you thought you might write up in an academic manner some day? As a wise person once advised, put the seat of your pants in the chair in front of your keyboard and start! (If you have some doubts about it, you can query first and we'll talk about it! If you are unsure about the format, do not worry; we can clear that up too.)

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Finding yourself shopping online more this year? Help us Pay It Forward by shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Designate The Heinlein Society as your [recipient organization](#) and we will get a donation for each purchase, cost-free to you. Last year, THS received \$196.00 in donations through Amazon Smile!

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## Blood Drive Update

*by Carlin Black, Blood Drive Chair*

With Convention contributions to the blood supply on hold, Paying It Forward with individual local donations as often as you can is more important than ever. Please donate if you are eligible or encourage others to donate if you are not.

Many members are sponsoring blood drives at churches and other venues to Pay it Forward in these difficult times. You and a couple of friends or family would be welcomed as coordinators by the Red Cross or your local blood center.

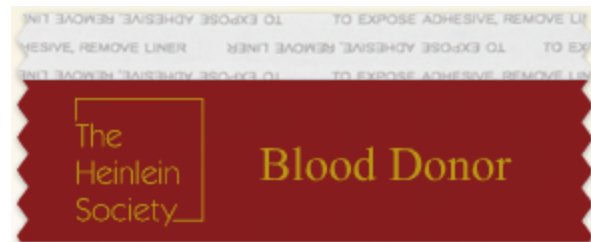
We are encouraging frequent THS donors to inspire others to Pay It Forward with a blood donation by publishing a profile on the [Heinlein Society Blood Drives Facebook Page](#).

High count donors, please send a profile and a donation selfie to [BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org](mailto:BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org)!

THS Donors will be recognized with an SF pinned Thank You card and ribbon on the [Donor Wall](#). Send a donor selfie and USPS address to [BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org](mailto:BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org) for recognition swag. You can credit a Con (or not) and any THS member is eligible! Help us beef up the wall! First time donors will be featured.

**HELP WANTED!** A Facebook user to engage with new likes on the Blood Drive Page to get them more involved with the Society and Paying It Forward through

donating and recruiting donors. Email [BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org](mailto:BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org) to learn more!



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

It's not an easy topic, but if you are an SF fan and you don't know who in your family would appreciate or understand the value of a signed book or significant collection when you are gone--the Heinlein Society will be here.

As a U.S. 501(c)3 charitable organization your estate could realize tax savings...plus your items or money will go to a cause you cared about in your lifetime as a member. If you are interested to know more about this topic, check out <https://www.heinleinsociety.org/planned-giving/>.



**This fiscal year, we've made 137 shipments already, totaling 2,022 books distributed. Since the program's inception, we've sent 30,852 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.

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Go to [heinleinsociety.org/h4h/](http://heinleinsociety.org/h4h/) for information!

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**H4H Thank Yous**

It's with thanks and sincere appreciation  
for the wonderful introduction to Mr. Robert  
Heinlein's books and the generous  
support of The Heinlein Society donation.  
Very Respectfully,  
U.S. Army Specialist, John Barnett.  
2020 November 20.

Thank you so much for thinking  
of me & my soldiers  
356 Tulane St.  
S7.

YOU HAVE A WAY  
OF MAKING  
THE BEST TIMES  
BETTER,  
AND THE NICEST  
MEMORIES NICER.



May peace be your gift  
at Christmas  
and your blessing  
all year through!

Thank you for your generous  
donation of books. We distributed  
them to Service Members on the  
camp, and they greatly appreciate  
having new novels to read.

Merry Christmas!  
Warm Wishes.  
KRISTA

Heinlein Society,

Thank you for sending the books! I'm a Heinlein fan, and found several books that I had not read. It makes down time very enjoyable and I appreciate it. I hope everyone has a great Holiday season and I wish you well.

Warm regards,

V/R

Frank "Shredder" Dillard, Maj, USAF

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Good morning,

We have received two shipments for books for Naval Hospital Okinawa Mental Health Unit (under my name, Brittany Yang) and I wanted to let you know that the shipments were received, and thank you for the support! The patients are really enjoying having additional reading material for their hospital stay.

Very Respectfully,

Brittany Yang  
LCDR NC USN

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1-52 Delta Company received their first box at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. Thank you kindly I can't wait to get our shelf back from the carpenter and launch our free library within the month.

Most Respectfully,  
Sara Boswell

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Thank you for the box of books. Everyone here is extremely grateful for your support. There are many here that look through them and read them. Thank you.

SFC Shawn Shannon



Hi!!

Just wanted to say thank you for all of the great reads your organization has sent my team since I've been here. Everyone is sincerely grateful. Thank you!!

WO1 Joshua Stickle  
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

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Hello Operation Paperback,  
I once again have received your books which are shared with anyone who's interested.  
The Sailors in my Department wanted to thank everyone in your organization for their time and resources. We really appreciate it.  
I've been getting books since about May and it has been a real game changer this deployment. We enjoy the vast variety of books and I pass the word on your organization all of the time.  
Have a fine Navy day!

V/R,

CTR2(IW/SW) Williams, Eli  
USS Nimitz (CVN68)

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ALCON,

Thank you for the wonderful books! They are so much appreciated! I'm currently about half way through the first book.  
Thank you so much again for the support. It is truly eye watering. I have indeed told other Airmen about this great program.  
Very Respectfully,

Capt Bo Murphy, USAF



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

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