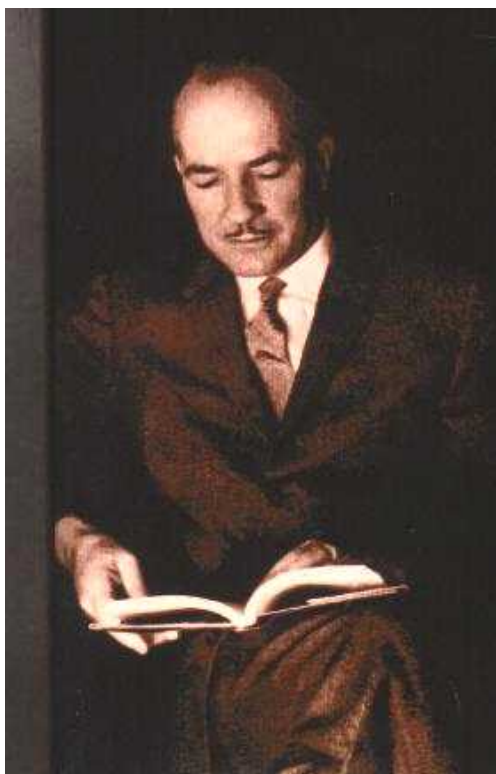


September 2020

# THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY



Here's what THS has been up to since our last Newsletter!



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### **A Note from the Editor:**

It has been brought to my attention that I miscalculated the number of years since RAH's birth as we celebrated in July. I can only apologize and beg your forgiveness. I will math harder and better next time!

Caroline Lynch, THS Newsletter Editor

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Thank you to the Roth family for your generous donation!

Jill Roth donated VE set #200 to the THS on behalf of her husband J. Thomas Roth, who passed away recently. "He loved these books and would want someone else to enjoy them as he did," shared Jill.



We thank them for Paying It Forward with their generous donation.

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## **Annual Meeting Recap**

Congratulations to our 2020 raffle winners! During our Annual Meeting, Susan Lewis Paciaga won a Mother Thing and Dr. John Howells, a new member from the UK, won the drawing for the Virginia Edition!



Check out the Annual Report and Meeting Minutes [here](#).

2020's Board Election Results:

THS President: Geo Rule

Vice President and Secretary: Herb Gilliland

Treasurer: John Tilden

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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.)

Reach out to:

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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 \$60.27 in donations through Amazon Smile!

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## What Am I Reading?

by Betsey Wilcox

### What I Am Reading

Have you ever wondered what all the other Robert Heinlein fans are currently reading? I know what my close circle of friends are reading, but what about the rest of you? Do you know what I am reading? Do you even care? No, is probably a rational answer to most of those questions. But curiosity can be a dangerous thing, especially if you bring up a question or suggestion at a THS Board meeting and get a “sounds like a great idea, you go first” answer. So here I am, going first into a new feature in our newsletter. My one big caveat to this writing thing is I AM NOT A PROFESSIONAL WRITER or CRITIC. I am just going to describe what I have read in the past 6-8 weeks and offer them for your reading consideration.

[Read the full article here!](#)

Would you like to submit a What Am I Reading to be potentially featured in the next Newsletter or on our social media? Email your submissions to [newsletter@heinleinsociety.org](mailto:newsletter@heinleinsociety.org)!

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## CoNZealand: the 78th World Science Fiction Convention

By Keith G. Kato



CoNZealand, the 78<sup>th</sup> World Science Fiction Convention, took place from 29 July-2 August 2020 “in” Wellington, New Zealand. Due to international COVID-19 restrictions, the CoNZealand committee shifted to virtual operation for all Worldcon activities. Discord and Zoom meeting software was used throughout, and panelists were “trained” in Zoom a full month in advance.

What DID go on at this virtual Worldcon? Activities:

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## Blood Drive Update

*by Carlin Black, Blood Drive Chair*

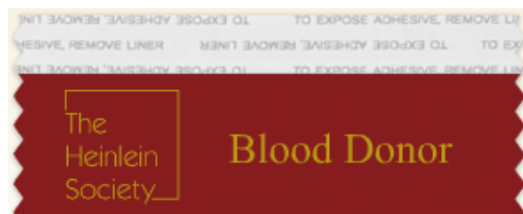
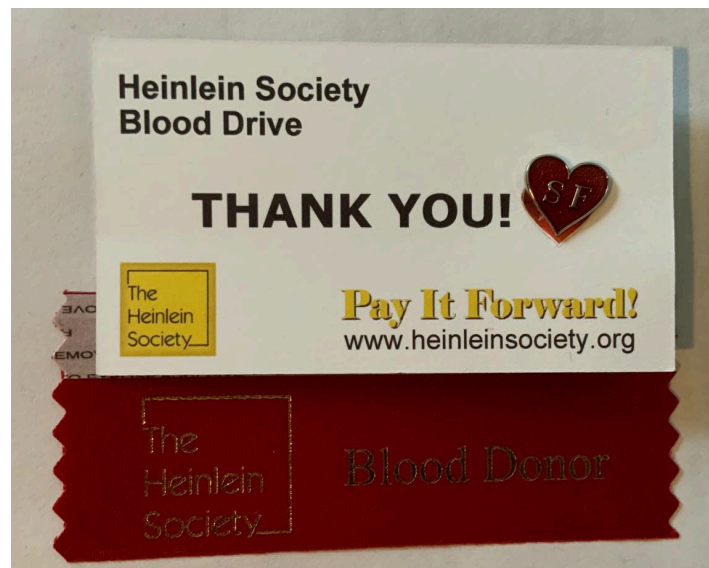
With Convention contributions to the blood supply on hold, Paying It Forward with individual local donations as often as you can is more important than ever. Please donate if you are eligible or encourage others to donate if you are not.

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.



**During fiscal year 2020, we made 350 shipments already, totaling 4,980 books distributed. Since the program's inception, we've sent 28,830 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:  
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Bellingham, WA 98229

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

Dear Heinlein Society,

Hello, I wanted to personally reach out and tell you thank you! Thank you for what you do to make the world a better place for everyone and in particular for those who serve our nation.

I reached out to Operation Paperback in order to find people just like you who could help do something positive for our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen while they were so far from home doing their part to keep our nation safe and you answered that call. A million thanks to you and everyone in your organization that helped.

Specifically, I used these books to help establish a leadership library and recreation area for more than 100 people here in Afghanistan scattered to various locations throughout the country. The idea was met with success and I received a lot of positive feedback and on behalf of all the men and women who you supported I say thank you so much, once more.

In addition, this gave us each another reason to talk and connect. It provided ideas for us to discuss on one hand and in other cases the opportunity to simply reach out and see how things were going with one another. On a personal note it afforded me a chance to connect and remind those serving that people back home support them. This alone had a lot of value and is not always easily quantified but so important all the same.

I wish you and all the wonderful people in your organization health and success in your mission and once again thank you for the support and care you showed even when you didn't have to.

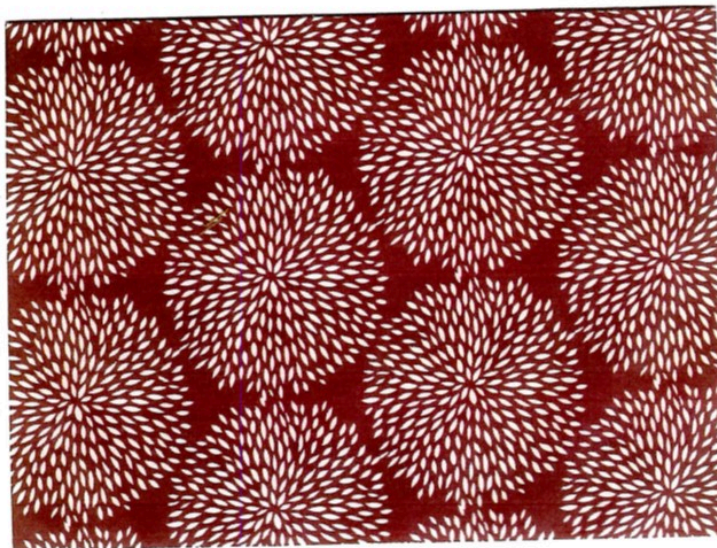


SMSgt Joshua Ganong

NCR-A, SEL, USAF

Bagram AFB, Afghanistan





Good Day,  
I got your packages right before  
I went into Quarantine on the  
USS Theodore Roosevelt. I can't  
thank you enough for all your  
support and kind words. It's  
amazing to feel so loved  
and appreciated! From my heart  
and the many Sailors you  
brought joy to  
Thank you!  
Thank you!  
Navy Chief, Denise! <sup>US</sup> <sub>NAVY</sub>  
Navy Pride!



Dear Heinlein Society,

I appreciate the books you mailed out to me. Especially the Star Wars books. I'm kind of a huge geek about it. You guys have been doing an amazing job doing what you're doing and wanted to say thank you. I've been sharing my books with my buddies as a way to keep morale going and they love it.

I don't want to take up too much of your time, but I'm very grateful with the books you sent as well as my team here.

Respectfully,  
SPC Stewart, William



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

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