

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

25th ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

14 SEPTEMBER 2025

1:00 p.m. PDT /

4:00 p.m. EDT



Walters

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Meet The Heinlein Society Board, Officers, Committee Members, Board of Advisors
- Timely Notice of Mailing
- Initial Business Items: Roll Call, Quorum, Parliamentarian
- 2024 Minutes Acceptance
- Reports of Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, President
- Committee Reports
- Hold the Election
- Good of the Society/Q&A Open Mic
- Virginia Edition Raffle
- Adjourn



Board of Directors



Ken Walters
President



Walt Boyes
Vice President



John Tilden
Treasurer



Joel S. Davis
Secretary



Jim Dutton



Beatrice Kondo



John Seltzer



Mike Sheffield

THS Committees



Heinlein for Heroes
John Seltzer /
Beatrice Kondo
Co-Chairs



Scholarships
Mike Sheffield



Social Media
Teresa Robinson



Elections
Will Hamilton



Membership /
Newsletter
Jim Dutton



Operations
John Tilden



Heinlein Award /
The Heinlein
Journal
Herb Gilliland



Blood Drives
Joe Smeddie -Brush



Business Items

- Roll Call (Walters)
- Certification of Quorum (Boyce & Walters)
- Walt Boyce is acting as the Sergeant-at- Arms
- 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes Ratified
- Election

Timely Notice of Meeting

Official Notice of Annual Meeting sent via email message on 05 August 2025, to comply with 30 days notice required by Bylaws (Article IV, Section 4)

Subsequent Reminder Notices on website

Treasurer's Report- John Tilden

Main Income:

Donations: \$15,504.60

Membership Dues: \$22,110.00

Main Program Expenses:

Blood Drives: \$1,674.60

Heinlein For Heroes: \$13,719.06

Scholarships: \$16,392.00

Heinlein Award: \$911.00

As of August 31, 2025

Total Assets: \$262,775.54

Scholarship Fund (subset): \$207,982.98

As of August 31, 2024

- Total Assets: \$242,314.89
- Scholarship Fund (Subset): \$167,206.95

questions to treasurer@heinleinsociety.org

Secretary Joel Davis

Recently Betsey Wilcox stepped down from the board for personal reasons and Joel Davis has stepped in to fill the position.

Vice President- Walt Boyes

The Vice President serves as:

- Liaison to the Board of Advisors
- Liaison to SFWA, the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers Association
- Assists the Newsletter Editor as required
- Serves as Sergeant at Arms for the Annual Meeting

President- Ken Walters

It's been an interesting year for The Heinlein Society. We had a long conversation with Art Dula of the Heinlein Prize Trust earlier this year and we are attempting to take advantage of the synergy between our two organizations. HPT has been our valuable partner in supplying us with a Virginia Edition to raffle for the past several years. They also reimburse us for our Heinlein for Heroes shipments.

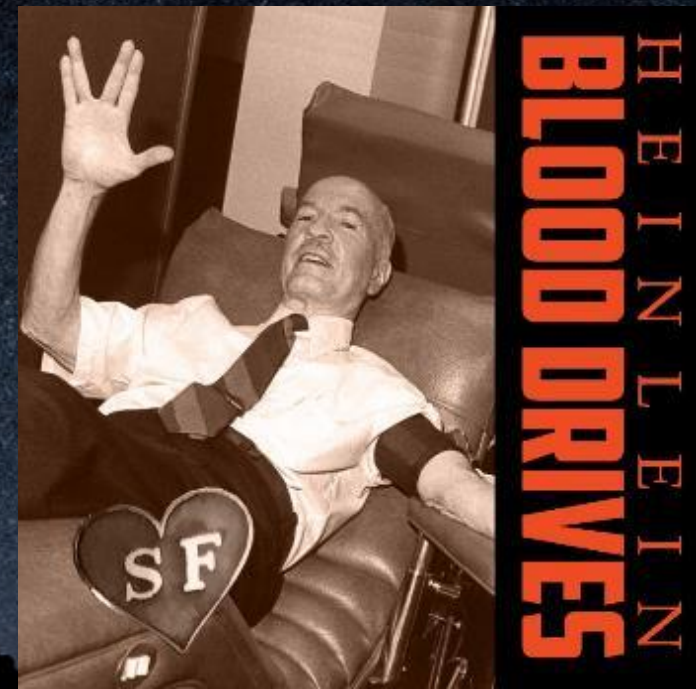
During our conversations Art mentioned the possibility of more Heinlein on the big screen. Since then, a potential remake of the Starship Troopers movie has been announced that will be more faithful to the book. Also, an animated feature has been announced for Citizen of the Galaxy. Hopefully, both will come to fruition.



Walters

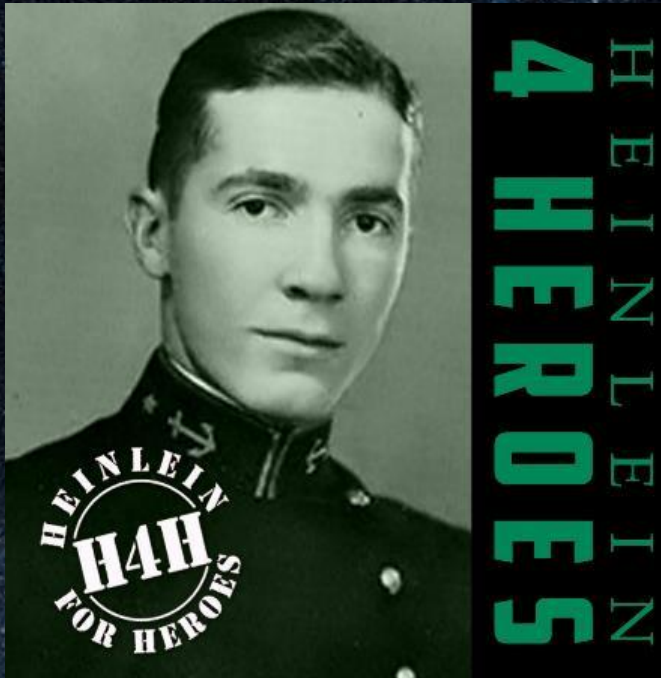
Blood Drives

- Joe Smiddie-Brush, Chair
- Core mission of THS—Started by RAH
 - FY 2025—**5,813** units of blood collected
 - End of FY 2025— **62,926** units collected through THS since the first THS drive in November 2000
- Coordinating a blood drive is easy and except for the day of the drive not very time consuming,
- A few friends help make it fun
- Contact the blood drive chair for support and guidance setting up a drive in your area
- BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org



Heinlein For Heroes

- John Seltzer, Chair ; Beatrice Kondo, Co-Chair
- FY 2025: H4H shipped **7,124 books** in **376** shipments
 - Total shipment since inception (Nov. 2013): **59,070 books**



- Future: Expect to maintain at least 6,000 books per year with THS providing books and HPT granting for shipping expenses
- Books (especially Heinlein) mostly cash purchases; donations of cash help!



Operations Website Management- John Tilden, Chair

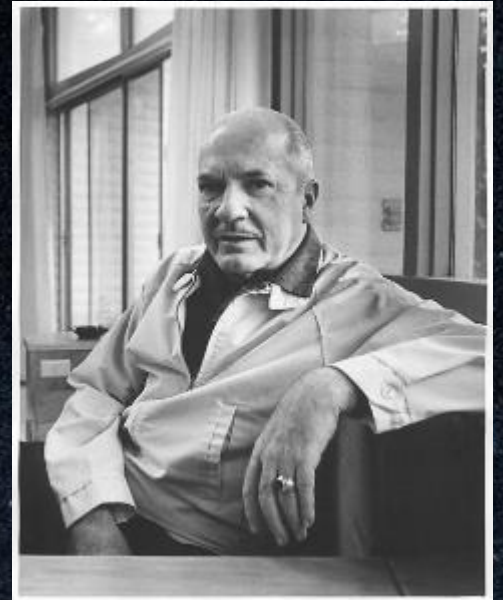
Aided by member Teresa Robinson.

Some High-Level Statistics:

- **68,064 Sessions**
- Desktop 55%, Mobile 43%, Tablet 3%
- #1 referral by far to the site is Facebook.
- Our most-visited page (other than home) was for the Scholarship Program—**22,822** hits with 2,413 downloads of our scholarship form.
- Top Ten Countries Visiting: US, Canada, UK, Australia, China, Ireland, Germany, India, Netherlands, and Sweden.
- 8 Educator Downloads
- 36 downloads of our Member Premium audio files

Membership Services

- Jim Dutton, Chair
- End FY 2025 - 565 Active Members
 - We're sustaining a gradual decrease due to an aging membership and a suspected decrease in Facebook engagement when we run ads.
- End FY 2025 - 104 Lifetime Members
 - Engaged in successful Social Media outreach through Facebook, Instagram, Threads, Lemmy, Discord and Twitter (X). Currently more than 360,000 followers on the Facebook Heinlein Society page, and 4200+ in the Heinlein Forum group.



Scholarships – Mike Sheffield, Chairman

2025 Recipients (\$4,000 each)

Kat Crawford – Kat is our Virginia “Ginny” Heinlein Scholarship recipient. Kat will be attending Stanford University as a sophomore, majoring in mathematics. She is working in parallel on a computer science degree through Stanford’s co-term program. She founded “Easy as Py”, an after-school coding program for elementary students, and cofounded the Elementary Math Alliance to similarly teach math. Her goals are to be a professor of theoretical computer science and start a non-profit dedicated to expanding STEM education opportunities.

Nora Kane – Nora is the Robert A. Heinlein Scholarship winner. She is entering her sophomore year at the California Institute of Technology with a dual major of Physics and English. Nora has spent hundreds of hours providing free tutoring to STEM students unable to afford professional tutoring. After she completes her undergraduate degree, she plans to pursue a PhD focused on the geometry of space time with the end goal of becoming a physics professor.



Sheffield

Scholarships - continued

Nivriti Varanasi – Nivriti wins the Dr. Jerry Pournelle Scholarship. She is majoring in medicine at the University of Missouri Kansas City and will be a sophomore in the fall. While attending college she works as a medical scribe for ES Disability Exams, teaches yoga, and helps provide care at Sojourner's Free Medical Clinic. Her goal is to become an ophthalmologist and provide much needed specialist care in rural communities.

Natalie Yen – Natalie is the winner of the Dr. Yoji Kondo Scholarship. In the fall she begins her sophomore year at Columbia University as a chemical engineering major. In high school she helped coordinate a Women in STEM poster contest for grades K-12 and is currently a member of Scientists and Engineers for a Better Society, volunteering in local elementary schools to encourage an interest in STEM. She hopes to use her degree to help develop safer consumer products, especially skin care products.

Election of Incumbent Board Members

- Will Hamilton-Administrator
- No new person stepped forward for election
- 3 seats held by Ken Walters, Joel Davis and Dr. Beatrice Kondo agreed to stand for reelection.

Confirm John Tilden to Board

Confirm John Tilden to Betsey Wilcox's board slot for the next two years.

Geo Rule's board slot will remain open for 2026 unless the board selects a new candidate.

THE HEINLEIN JOURNAL

and Academic

- Purpose is to publish academically sound material related to Heinlein's work and life
- Published electronically
- Free to Society members upon request
- Welcomes material or ideas by new or experienced authors—send a draft or just a query
- We published issue #32 Spring 2025 (Our best issue yet!)

www.heinleinjournal.com

Good of the Society

- Work to diversify our membership
- Fundraising—always:
 - Direct donations
 - Estates
 - Grant proposals
- We always need Volunteers to work on committees, at conventions and LEAD by example
- “Ensign’s Prize” Still Available via website
- Open Q&A— Wave, or announce yourself, or ask in the Chat Window. Wait to be recognized by the Chair; you will need to make sure you’re unmuted, then you can make any or ask any questions!

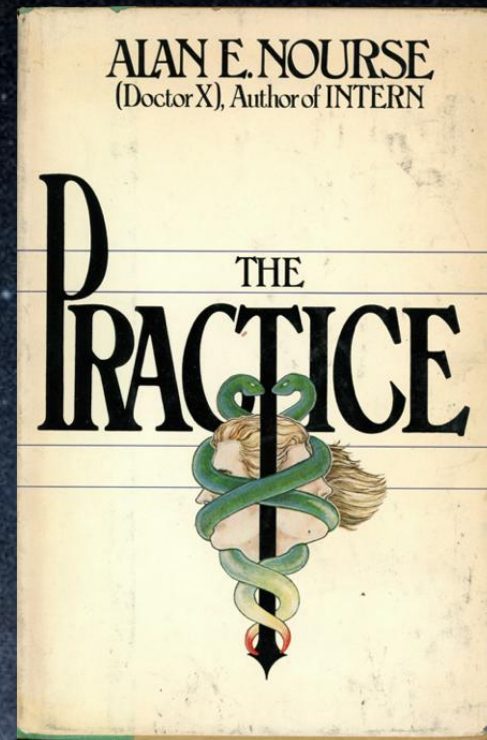
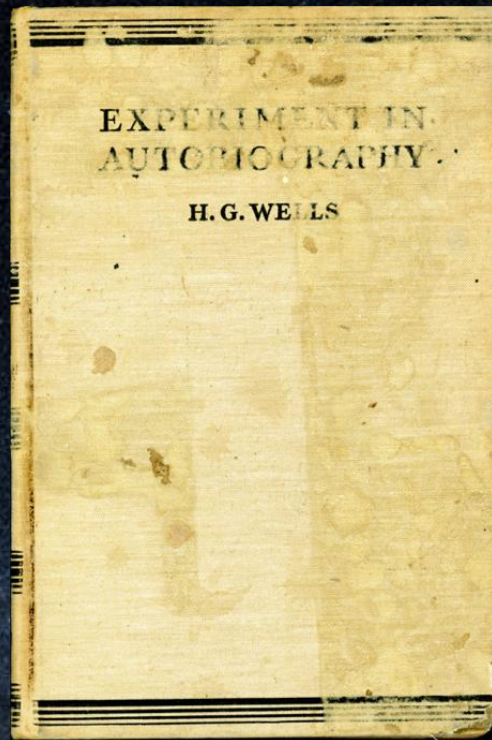


Ahead in 2026...

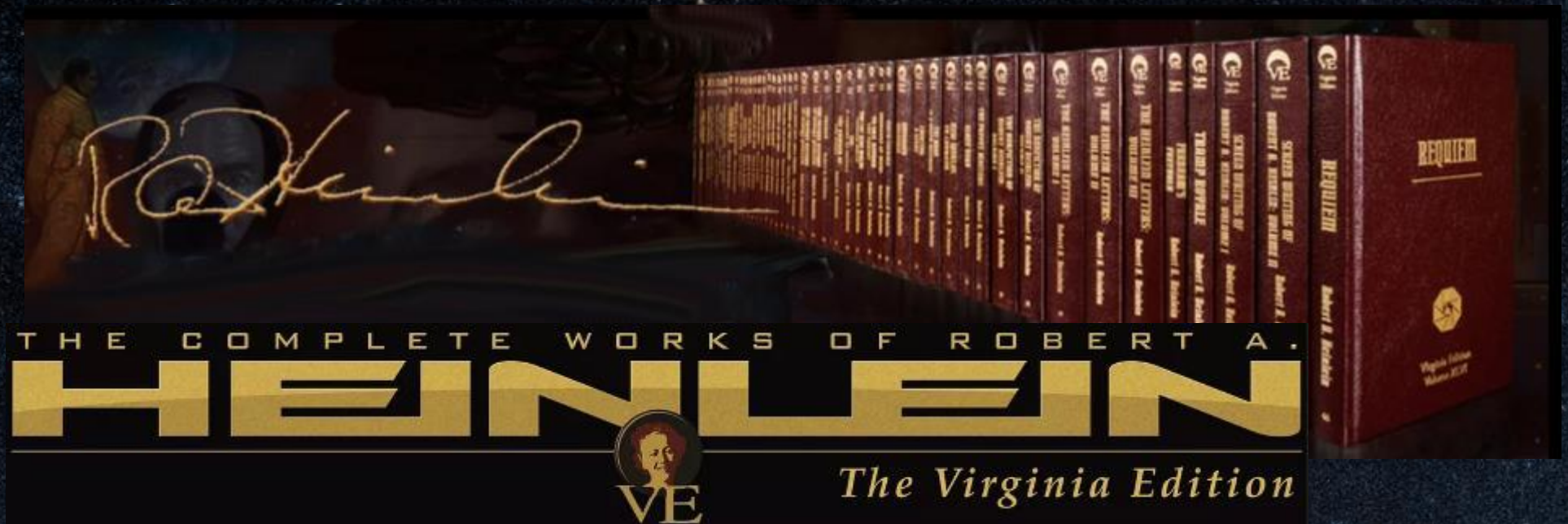
- 2026: LACon 5, Anaheim, CA
- 2026: DragonCon, Atlanta, GA
- 2026: LibertyCon, Chattanooga, TN

Heinlein's Personal Book Raffle

We have selected two books from Heinlein's personal library, which were donated by the Heinlein Prize Trust.



Virginia Edition Raffle



AND THE WINNING NUMBER IS....

Tilden

A Motion to Adjourn is always in
order!