THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

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Cover: Robert and Virginia taking a tropical vacation.

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Letter from the Editor



Dear Members,

We had a very nice Annual Meeting in September. If you didn’t sign in to it, you should think about doing so next year. Those meetings are always interesting, and some great people always attend, sometimes including members who knew Robert and/or Virginia personally.

We did not hold an online election in 2026. The Board Members whose seats were up for election all stood for reelection and no one else threw their hat in the ring (If you would like to contribute as a Board Member be thinking about next year). Those Board Members' reelections were affirmed by acclamation during the Annual Meeting.
The Board is working on a special membership perk which we hope to have more news on soon.

Jim Dutton, October 12, 2026

Virginia Edition Drawing

We held the drawing for a free Virginia Edition during our Annual Meeting on September 13th. The Heinlein Prize Trust generously provided the VE.

This year, Lisa Smith was the lucky member who'll be receiving this beautiful set of books bearing the complete writings of Robert Heinlein, including letters! Our President, Ken Walters, spoke to her personally to give her the good news. It's no surprise to learn that Lisa was thrilled to learn of her good fortune! She has promised to provide us a photo when she receives the set.





Our exhibit on the life and works of Robert Heinlein, including such goodies as one of his typewriters.



We were able to display artwork that Heinlein owned, among them Bonestall, Ludekins, and Freas works.

WorldCon Continued



THS Advisor David Gerrold with Treasurer JT.



Our fan table with L to R Anouk Arnal, Marie Guthrie, Keith Kato, Mike & Sharon Sheffield.



THS Advisor Joe Haldeman with Treasurer JT.

WorldCon Continued

Supporter David Brin outside the Blood Drive, which collected 50 units.





The panel on “LA & Heinlein” L to R (John Tilden, Marie Guthrie, Jason Aukerman, Robert James, Mike Sheffield)

WorldCon Continued

Pictures from the Kato Chili Party held with the Ray Bradbury Center.

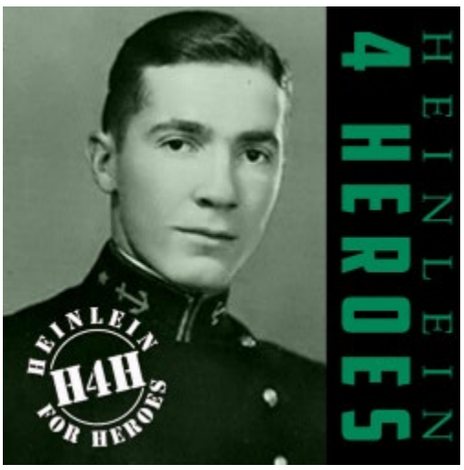






Mission scientist Kelly Perry from the JPL Voyager team showing off their info about Heinlein's involvement in curating what went into the Golden Record. Member Bill Higgins is admiring the detail.

Heinlein For Heroes



Our program to deliver books to serving military, veterans, and their families has been doing great things.

We have shipped 602 books in September and 491 books in October, for a running total of 69,597 books since the program started.

Your donations of gently used SF&F paperbacks or the money to buy them make this program possible.

Thank Yous



Thank you for the books. My soldiers and I greatly appreciate it!
-CPT Trevor Faulkner

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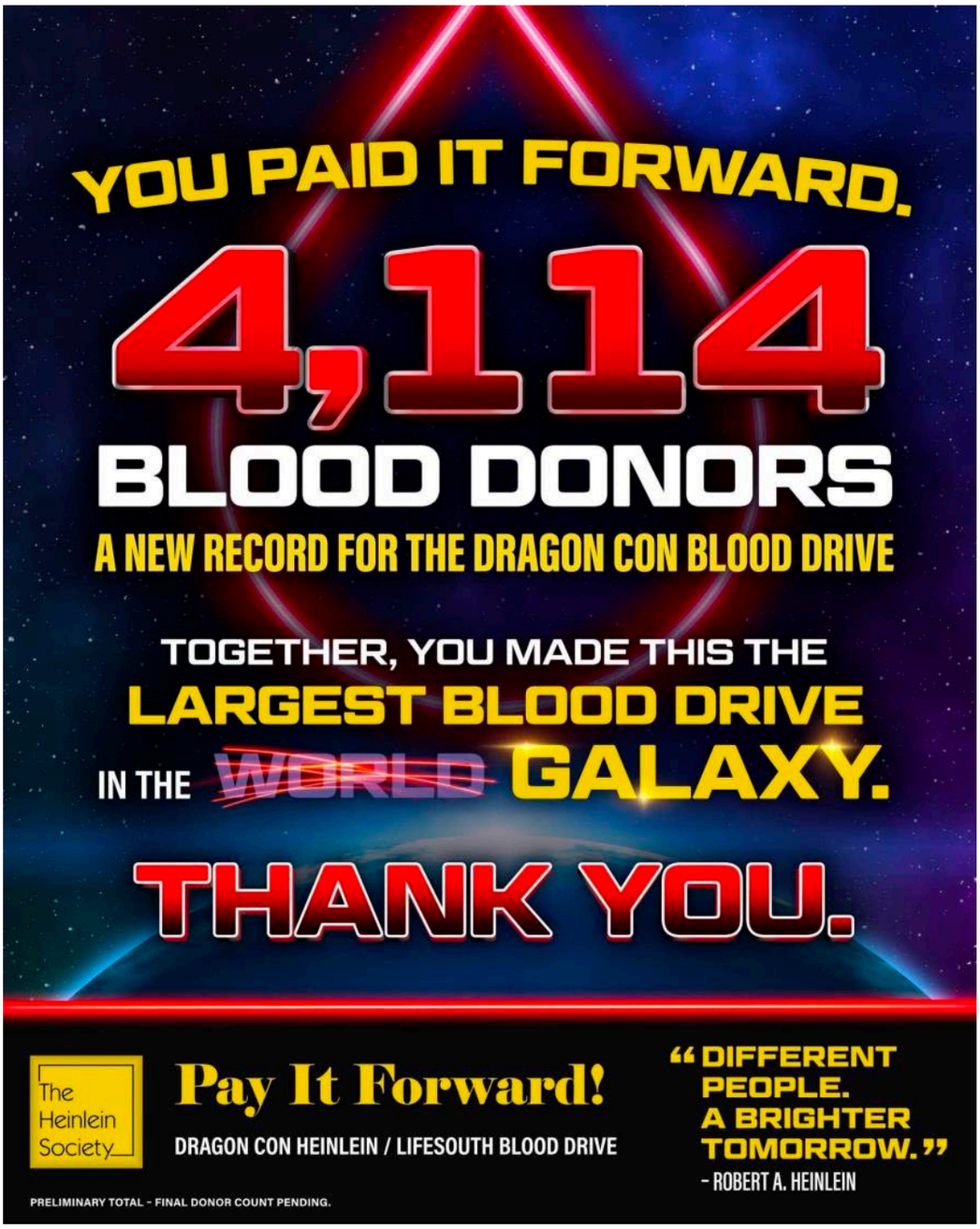
Blood Drives



The Society will have our normal blood drives at Cons again this year, but please get involved! Contact our Blood Drive Chair for assistance in organization one of these life-saving events in your area.

If you know anyone who might be interested in coordinating a blood drive, have them contact BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org.

Joe Smiddie-Brush - Blood Drive Chair



The Heinlein Journal

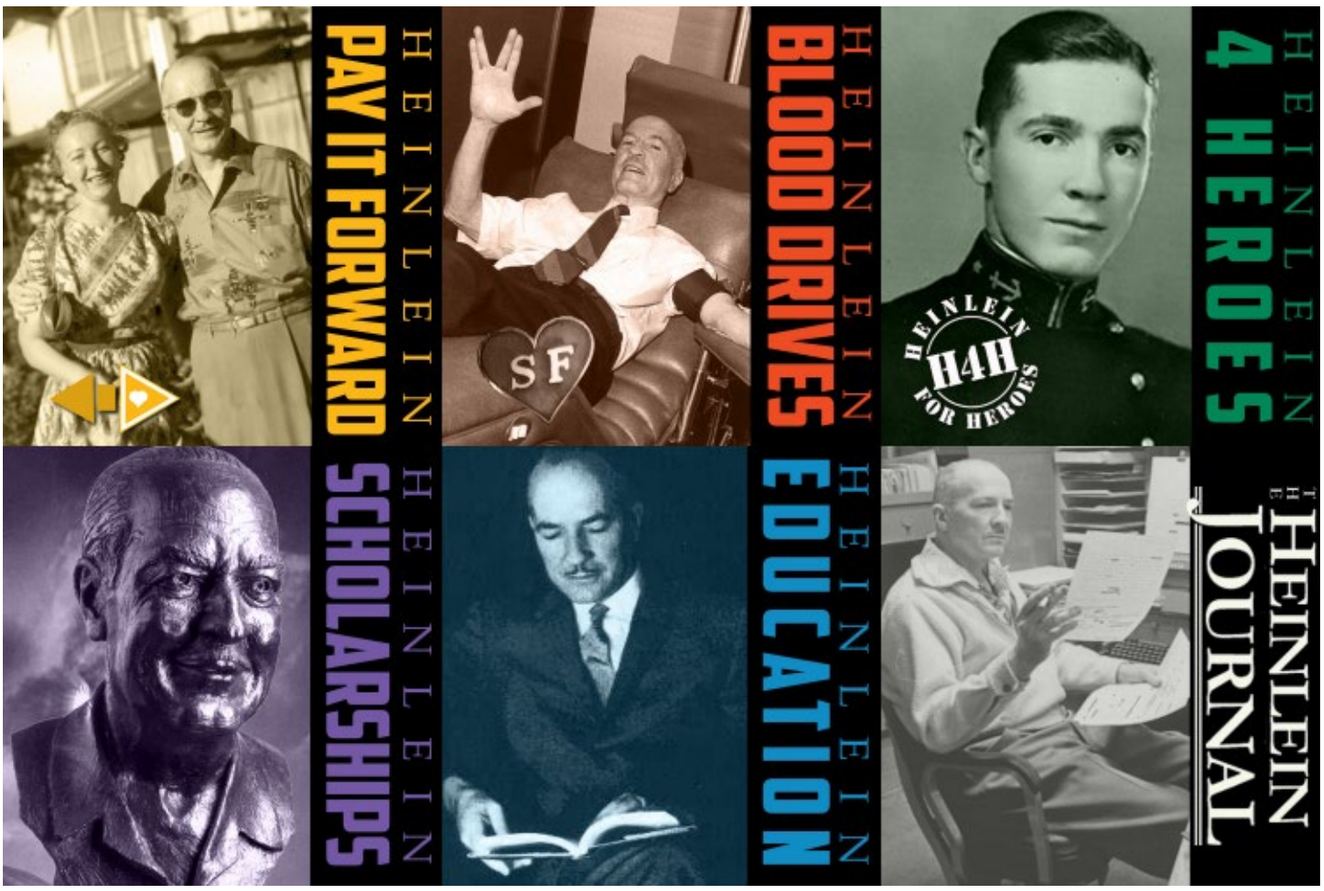


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