

# THE NEWS-REVIEW

## President Gaius Baltar

*By Playa Palacios*



*President Baltar aboard Colonial One*

*Picture by James McManus*

Dr Gaius Baltar has been voted in as the new President of the Colonies. During an exclusive interview with the News-Review he promised to bring in much needed political and social reforms. When asked how he would do things differently his heart-felt response was: "I will place the people first!"

## President Gaius Baltar: Genius, Gentleman and Gods-send

President Gaius Baltar is a Gods-send, a man not only having an incredible intelligence and moral compass but possessing a truly humanitarian soul as well. An exceptional visionary in his expert field of computer technology, he won no less than three prestigious Magnate prizes. He went to work for the Colonial Ministry of Defense where he devised the

revolutionary Command Navigation Program, and no doubt would have continued to earn more accolades had the Cylons not attacked. Now he has turned his phenomenal intellect to solving the fleet's problems and finding humanity a new home. We can only thank the Gods that we have been placed in such capable and compassionate hands.

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# Why Admiral Cain had to die

*By John Sowell*

Admiral Cain had to die; there is no other way to say it. She was a monster with an obsession to destroy the Cylons, perhaps a laudable ideal in itself, but ultimately self-destructive to herself, her crew and the entire fleet.

It seemed all of our troubles were over when the *Pegasus* jumped in five years ago, but it soon became apparent that Admiral Cain had her own agenda. The youngest Admiral ever in Colonial history she had an impressive record and demanded nothing less than absolute loyalty from those who served under her. It is unfortunate that these principles overwhelmed her and led to a path of self-destruction.

Cain was too hard and intractable a person to lead the fleet and this was something Commander Adama and former President Laura Roslin realized to their detriment. As we all know they, along with many of the *Galactica's* crew, were arbitrarily sentenced to the prison ship *Astral Queen* over three years ago for attempting an insurrection against her.

In another time Cain would have been in inspiration, in these dark and terrible times she was a terrible liability and I for one will not mourn her.

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*Admiral Cain aboard Pegasus*

*Picture by James McManus*

## Major Cottle is the new Admiral and why he's the man for the job

*By Sekou Hamilton*



*Admiral Cottle aboard Pegasus*

*Picture by James McManus*

Admiral Sherman Cottle M.D. is the new military leader. After the successful coup against Admiral Cain's martial law he is like a breath of fresh air. "Doc Cottle" as he is affectionately known is a familiar face in the fleet where he performs acts of mercy for the sick and injured. He is a man of deeply held convictions with an unparalleled dedication to his job. If saving lives is his motivation than who better to lead the military whose sworn duty job is to protect ours?

Admiral Cottle told us he would to his utmost to fill the shoes of Commander Adama until such time as he was fit to return to active service.

"So say we all!"

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# Tom Zarek, revolutionary hero or power mad conspirator?

*By John Sowell*



*Tom Zarek aboard Galactica*

*Picture by James McManus*

The backwater world of Sagittaron has suffered throughout the history of the Colonies. It was only a matter of time before its people stood up and fought back. Thirty years ago, the movement gained a face: smooth-talking Tom Zarek, leader of a terrorist organization called the Sagittaron Freedom Movement (SFM).

Sadly, Zarek stained his passionate crusade for equality with the blood of innocent bystanders. It's his belief that words mean nothing on their own, and that people—dense and apathetic as they are—only pay attention when they have to. His particular brand of force involved bombs, usually the kind set off in occupied government buildings. His last message got him convicted and sent to prison, where gods willing he would have rotted.

Then the Cylons stepped in. As the colonies were blanketed in nuclear fire, Zarek was aboard the *Astral Queen*, in transit to a parole hearing. Just like that, bureaucracy saved a convicted terrorist and 1,500 equally worthless scum. That's blind frakking justice there. Tom Zarek's politics were outdated and dangerous and he had to go. Hopefully his death will send a strong message that the days of power mad conspirators are numbered.

We hope to get an exclusive interview with Henry Boyd, the man who allegedly shot Tom Zarek.

# Colonel Jack Fisk, a deeply troubled man

*By Playa Palacios*

Colonel was a deeply troubled man, having served under Admiral Cain for years. Some say he was weak but he did have a softer, kinder side to his nature and on occasion even managed to curb some of Cain's violent excesses.

However it was evident that the strains of command had taken their toll on him over the years leaving him a broken, guilt-ridden man over the atrocities he was forced to carry out under Admiral Cain. After the coup he was to be left in command of the *Pegasus* until such time as Commander Adama had recovered from his imprisonment, however during a meeting with the resistance leader Tom Zarek, spiritual advisor Athena, ex-convict Copernicus, Chief Engineer Tartarus Nyx and the lawyer Henry Boyd, he was brutally murdered when Tom Zarek shot him in the head to prove a point.

Some may say that he deserved his fate, whatever you may think he was man respected by the crew of the *Pegasus* and he protected the fleet to the best of his abilities. It's unfortunate that he will only be remembered as the man who carried out Admiral Cain's orders.



*Colonel Jack Fisk aboard Pegasus*

*Picture by James McManus*

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