

THE NEWS-REVIEW

Fleet in Flames!

By Playa Palacios



Galactica under heavy fire from Cylon Base Stars

Picture courtesy of Gemenon Traveller exterior camera

The fleet came under heavy Cylon attack yesterday with many reported casualties. Both *Galactica* and *Pegasus* took heavy damage and in total 33 pilots lost their lives, along with 63 enlisted personnel and 203 civilians. Fortunately the fleet managed an emergency FTL jump. President Baltar and the military command staff are currently engaged in crisis meetings assessing the damage to the fleet. It was a dark day for humanity and a stark reminder of the constant Cylon threat.

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Memorial Service held aboard *Galactica* for honored dead

With a somber and reflective atmosphere the memorial service to our honored dead was held in *Galactica's* port hangar bay yesterday. President Baltar paid tribute to the brave men and women who gave their lives defending the fleet in a moving speech saying, "Words cannot express the grief we all feel at our tragic loss. Without their sacrifice we would

Not be standing here today. May they rest in peace" Athena, the Presidents spiritual advisor, led the congregation in prayers to the dead proving to be a moving and grief-stricken moment for all of us. Afterwards *Galactica's* Memorial hall was packed with mourners where Athena held a candle light vigil.

Centurions stalk *Galactica's* corridors

By Playa Palacios



*A blood soaked Centurion
slaughters *Galactica's* crew*

Picture by James McManus

Murderous Centurions made their way through *Galactica's* corridors during the recent Cylon attack, killing with impunity. It seemed nothing could stop them but one group of extraordinary individuals did just that. Athena, spiritual advisor to the President, *Galactica's* Chief Engineer Tartarus Nyx, Mr Copernicus and Lt. Philip Everett along with four courageous marines held off a deadly legion of the metallic monsters, allowing a stricken *Galactica* to jump to safety.

Had it not been for their valiant efforts then the Battlestar would surely have been lost. At least twelve centurions were destroyed during the intense firefight. One brave marine commented that the fight could have gone either way had it not been for some quick thinking, outstanding bravery and the expeditious use of explosive rounds. I'm sure all our readers will be pleased to hear that everyone survived and are expected to be back on their feet within days. With people such as these defending the fleet then our chance of survival becomes a certainty.

What the frak went wrong with our security?

By Sekou Hamilton

So who is to blame for the massacre aboard *Galactica*? The Cylons of course, but we must ask ourselves a serious question, just what the frak went wrong with our security? How the hell did over thirty Centurions board *Galactica* and slaughter dozens of crew? One rumor currently circulating is that they were brought aboard right under our noses when the scientific research ship *Corona* was rescued and jumped back to the fleet two days ago. Another is that they were secreted aboard a supply shuttle from the *Pegasus* by Cylon sympathizers. Either way it is a clear reminder that we must remain ever vigilant and every mistake cost lives. I pray Admiral Cottle takes steps to ensure this never happens again.



*Centurions prowl *Galactica's*
corridors*

Picture by James McManus

Memorial Hall

By John Sowell



Memorial Hall aboard Galactica

Picture by James McManus

Memorial Hall is a new feature where we honor our departed loved ones military and civilian alike. The recent Cylon attack brought home just how precious and fragile human life can be out here amongst the stars. We should never forget our dead lest we become like our Cylon oppressors. Here is a list of the 33 Viper pilots lost aboard the *Galactica* during the attack:

Lt. Delphi "Falcon" Birch
Lt. Mel "Freaker" Firelli
Lt. Steve "Red Devil" Fleer
Lt. River "Hiccup" Brigden
Lt. John "Snitch" Burks
Lt. Cohan "Chopper" Dix
Lt. Ars "Snicker" Kelter
Lt. Troy "Sever" Minos
Lt. Bryan "Tailgate" Smith
Lt. Drew "Bomber" Wilson
Lt. Lyn "Pookie" Zook
Lt. Jay "Shark" Finegan

Lt. Becca "Beetle" Andrewson
Lt. Rosemary "Dinger" Bell
Lt. Jacob "Slick" Calabos
Lt. Kirk "Spiceman" Donner
Lt. Brooks "Scary" Garner
Lt. Oliver "Stix" Getz
Lt. Pez "Silverstep" Huang
Lt. Shirley "Lefty" Ingot
Lt. Breyon "Singer" Jaskaran
Lt. John "Bones" Lavell
Lt. Cody "Flea" Mandrake
Lt. Clay "Flim-Flam" McKenzie
Lt. Erica "Creeper" Merchantele
Lt. Cole "Doom" Metzger
Lt. Melinda "Akbar" Montes
Lt. Emma "Greybill" Monroe
Lt. Kraner "Sleeper" O'Kane
Lt. Frank "I-Zyk" Pooley
Lt. Liz "Kitty Kat" Riedel
Lt. Joe "Hammerhead" Palladino
Lt. Emmett "Sweetness" Jones

Are there Cylons among us?

By John Sowell

When Admiral Cain informed us that Cylons could take human form panic erupted throughout the fleet. Since then an atmosphere of paranoia and mistrust has been commonplace. This reporter has since learned of a frightening discovery, which can only exacerbate the problem. A mission to recover the *Corona*, a ship that joined with 23 others to form a new fleet and jumped away a year ago, was brought onboard *Galactica* two days ago. Shortly afterwards Centurions attacked inside the ship. Were they hidden aboard the *Corona* and unwittingly brought aboard in an appalling lapse in security? Whatever the answer over fifty crewmembers of the *Corona* were taken to sickbay for treatment. But what if some or all of them are Cylons?

Thankfully there is a way of finding out, the Cylon detector created by our very own President Dr. Gaius Baltar. These people should be screened immediately in order to avert another potential disaster.

We should never forget for a second who and what the Cylons are: ruthless, emotionless, killing machines yes machines, not humans. They may display emotions, bleed, sweat and breath but they are only facsimiles, nothing more, being programmed to copy our behavior and can never deserve our compassion. They are the ultimate act of hubris on mankind's part and that mistake will forever haunt our future.



An artist's impression of a human Cylon

Picture by James McManus

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