

# 5th LAAM Honors 4 Members

Lieutenant Colonel M.S. Jolley, commanding officer of 5th Light Anti-Aircraft Missile (LAAM) Battalion, honored four men in his unit last week by presenting them with citations for outstanding performances of duty.

Corporal Richard P. Avery, a member of the battalion's communications section, was selected as the Marine of the Month for October.

Because of a great lack of administrative personnel in Headquarters and Services Battery headquarters, Corporal Avery was temporarily assigned there to ease the work load on the section. "By his aggressiveness, thoroughness and voluntary assumption of responsibilities he was able to relieve many of the pressures associated with general administration while Headquarters and Services Battery was preparing for a series of inspections.

His initiative has been exemplary and his positive attitude and actions have favorably impressed juniors and seniors alike."

Lance Corporal C.L. Bobikewicz was given a Meritorius Mast for his quick thinking that may have saved a fellow Marine from severe injury, possibly death.

While off duty in Barracks 912, Lance Corporal Bobikewicz detected

the odor of smoke and began checking some of the rooms. He found a room full of smoke and a Marine apparently sleeping on a burning mattress. He tried to awaken the man but found that he was unconscious. He immediately carried him out into the fresh air to revive him. "By his alertness, quick action and presence of mind in an extremely dangerous situation, Lance Corporal Bobikewicz was able to prevent serious injury or death. His actions were a credit to the U.S. Marine Corps."

Staff Sergeant Alvin A. Dashee, logistics chief of the S-4, received a Meritorius Mast for his outstanding work.

Faced with the loss of the administrative clerk, Sergeant Dashee was compelled to spend much extra time beyond normal working hours, including evenings, to fulfill his mission. His "devotion to duty greatly enhanced the operation of the S-4 office and the battalion.

His activities as Battalion embarkation NCO were also outstanding. "Through his diligent efforts, he prepared and distributed the Battalion Embarkation Standard Operating Procedure in a most expeditious manner. Sergeant Dashee's assistance to other units in the battalion was invaluable in preparing them for embarkation

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FINE WORK, MEN—Lieutenant Colonel M. S. Jolley presents three Meritorious Masts and one other citation to four members of his battalion for outstanding work. Left to right are: Lance Corporal C. L. Bobikewicz, Corporal Richard P. Avery, Staff Sergeant Alvin A. Dashee and Hospital Corpsman Second Class James R. Miller. (OFFICIAL MARINE CORPS PHOTO BY CPL. SAM MILLER)

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readiness.

His constant enthusiasm, personal appearance and technical proficiency are exemplary of the high standards desired in a staff non-commissioned officer in today's Corps. His constructive attitude and devotion to duty are a credit to his battalion and the Marine Corps."

Corpsman Second Class James R. Miller was also honored with a Meritorious Mast for his initiative judgement, excellent attention to duty, military bearing and conscientious application of his medical knowledge.

Aside from being highly proficient in his own field, Corpsman Miller

has also been valuable in assisting other units. In the field he exhibited his zeal and will to help by constantly lending his assistance on working details and setting an example that has been beneficial in influencing the Marines working around him.

During one wind storm that collapsed several tents, he immediately checked for injuries and then pitched in to help repair and set up the tents. His actions prompted many into reconstructing the campsite.

"Through his efforts and example, Corpsman Miller has proven to be a valuable asset and a great credit to his unit and the Naval service."