

* ICCC graduate donates to Faith's art program

Solovey gives \$250 to benefit children interested in art

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Fort Benning's resident artist drew on his own talents to help Faith Middle School students continue to enjoy their "Artist in

Residence" program.

Capt. Michael P. Solovey, who graduated from the Infantry Captains' Career Course Thursday, contributed the proceeds from the auction of an original pen and ink creation to the cultural arts program at the middle school.

On behalf of B Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, Solovey and Capt. Leonard Kergosien, company commander, presented Faith's PTO treasurer, Diane

Ermi, with a check for \$250 and an artist's proof of Solovey's rendering titled "Follow Me."

The print, which shows various aspects of the Infantry branch, was signed and dedicated to "the young artists at Faith Middle School from the ICCC class 02-00."

"Junior high is where I got my start in art," Solovey said. "My middle school art teacher made a big difference in my life, and I thought it would be nice if I could make a

difference here at Faith."

Assistant principal Rose Brooks was on hand to thank Solovey and Kergosien for their support.

"Since the money was donated for the purpose of promoting the cultural arts, it will go directly into the fund that supports bringing arts to the students," Brooks said.

"We have an 'Artist in Residence' program each year, which provides our students with the opportunity to actually see

an artist at work."

Solovey said this is the first time he has donated money from the sale of his work, but it's certainly not the first time he has received recognition for his talent. Articles about his work have appeared in *The Stars and Stripes* and *The Talon*, the 1st Armored Division's magazine. The demand for his work, which he calls military art, led him to create The Solovey Art Collection, which can be found at www.arthangups.com.