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### Art Scholarship for Combat Veterans at Art League of Long Island

The Art League of Long Island is pleased to announce an art scholarship sponsored by Woodbury-based law firm Salenger, Sack, Kimmel & Bavaro, LLP. The Joseph J. Fenty, Jr. Memorial Scholarship will award two returning combat veterans, currently residing or originally from Long Island, with a formal art education at the Art League's visual arts center in Dix Hills.

As supporters of the men and women serving in the armed forces, Salenger, Sack, Kimmel & Bavaro partners were touched by Art League of Long Island Executive Director - and Gold Star Mom - Charlee Miller's loving remembrance of her son Joe Fenty. As an Airborne Ranger & Commander of 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, 71<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, Lt. Colonel Fenty was a brother and mentor to the soldiers he commanded. On May 5, 2006, he and nine soldiers were killed while serving in the Kunar province in Afghanistan when a CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed during combat operations. "I am grateful for Salenger, Sack, Kimmel & Bavaro's gift to our heroes returning from combat, and for honoring the memory of my dear son Joe", said Miller.



In life he was a loving husband of Kristin, his wife of 20 years. Joe became a dad for the first time in April 2006, never having had the opportunity to hold little Lauren Olivia in his arms. After earning a degree in business management he was commissioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant from UNCC Charlotte, and in the ensuing years he earned his masters in education from Troy State University. An elite athlete, he was a marathon-runner, an ultra-marathon runner, a cross-country skier, mountain biker, and kayaker. He also was a proud supporter of the arts and recognized how it nurtured the mind and the soul.

Returning combat veterans are invited to apply for the scholarship, two of whom will be selected to receive a scholarship. Nominations can be made by downloading an entry form from <http://sskblaw.com/about-us/charities/fentyscholarship/> (or send an email to: [Fentyscholarship@salsack.com](mailto:Fentyscholarship@salsack.com)). Veterans can nominate themselves or have someone nominate them. Entries will be accepted from November 11 through December 11.

The Art League of Long Island is a not-for-profit visual arts organization offering classes and workshops for children and adults, from beginner to advanced levels. The Jeanie Tengelsen art gallery hosts a dozen exhibits per year, featuring contemporary works by many local artists. The Art League is located at 107 East Deer Park Road in Dix Hills. Learn more at [www.artleagueli.org](http://www.artleagueli.org).