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**VI Office of Veterans Affairs Collaborates with My
Brother's Workshop**

The Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs has enlisted the assistance of My Brother's Workshop to manufacture flag cases locally for next-of-kin of deceased Veterans.

One of the events that take place as part of military burial honors is the presentation of a neatly folded United States Flag. That flag is authorized to be presented to the legal next-of-kin of deceased Veterans. More times than none, after presentation, these burial flags are used as keepsakes by family members to remember the long and faithful service rendered to the United States by their loved one. To assist with the longevity of the flag, the Office of Veterans Affairs joined with My Brother's Workshop to create something that would assist in that endeavor. Trainees guided by members of the staff at My Brother's Workshop created a masterpiece that will mark a significant difference from the usual plastic cases issued previously.

"I am absolutely pleased that we will be able to provide a sturdier flag case for the families of our deceased Veterans. Not only will it look better, but it will enhance the shelf life of this very important keepsake. Unfortunately, we will not be able retroactively issue flag cases", said Director Farrell.

For more information please reach out to the VI Office of Veterans Affairs using one of the following means of communication:

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Pictured from left to right are:
Salassie Henry (MBW trainee), Junior Marceo (MBW trainee), Director Patrick Farrell, Nickelle Lake (MBW trainee), and Malcolm Schweizer (MBW trainer).

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