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**CLAFLIN FOUNDATION PRESENTS FUNDING FOR VETERANS AND WARRIORS TO
AGRICULTURE PROJECT AT MCCAUSLAND FARM**

Point Pleasant attorney Stephen C. Littlepage, who serves as President of the Robert and Louise Claflin Foundation, presented a check Tuesday in the amount of \$5,510 to West Virginia Agriculture Commissioner Walt Helmick to assist in funding the WVDA's new Veterans and Warriors To Agriculture Project.

The funds will be used specifically to establish 10 bee hives, protective fencing around the hives, and the planting of various berry bushes on a tract of WVDA-owned property at the McCausland Farm in Mason County.

The small apiary operation will be tended to and nurtured by veterans and warriors who will be trained and educated with the intention that they will then have the skills and knowledge to establish their own agribusiness operation.

Joining Commissioner Helmick at the event was James McCormick, Director of the Veterans and Warriors To Agriculture Project for the WVDA.