



# CAMP LEJEUNE: PAST WATER CONTAMINATION

From the 1950s through the 1980s, people serving or living at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, were potentially exposed to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene, and other chemicals. This chemical exposure may have led to adverse health conditions.

## YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR VA HEALTH BENEFITS IF YOU SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY (VETERANS) OR RESIDED (FAMILY MEMBERS) AT CAMP LEJEUNE FOR 30 DAYS OR MORE BETWEEN AUGUST 1, 1953 AND DECEMBER 31, 1987:

- Veterans who are determined to be eligible will be able to receive VA health care. In addition, care for qualifying health conditions is provided at no cost to the Veteran (including copayments).
- Eligible family members receive reimbursement for out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred from the treatment of qualifying health conditions after all other health insurance is applied.

## QUALIFYING HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDE:

- Bladder cancer
- Breast cancer
- Esophageal cancer
- Kidney cancer
- Leukemia
- Lung cancer
- Multiple myeloma
- Myelodysplastic syndromes
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Female infertility
- Hepatic steatosis
- Miscarriage
- Neurobehavioral effects
- Renal toxicity
- Scleroderma

## VETERAN ELIGIBILITY:

- A Camp Lejeune Veteran does not need to have one of the 15 health conditions to be eligible to receive VA health care, nor do they need a service connected disability to be eligible as a Camp Lejeune Veteran for VA health care.

## VETERANS

### ENROLL IN VA HEALTH CARE

- Inform VA that you served on active duty at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days during the covered time period.
- Already enrolled? Contact your local VA health care facility at <http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/> to sign up for the Camp Lejeune Program and receive VA care.
- Not yet enrolled? Apply online at <http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/> or call toll-free 1-877-222-8387.

## FAMILY MEMBERS

### GATHER DOCUMENTS

- Show your relationship to a Veteran, such as a marriage license or birth certificate.
- VA will assist you with verifying residency on Camp Lejeune during the covered timeframe.

### GATHER QUALIFYING EXPENSE RECEIPTS

- By law, VA may only compensate for eligible out-of-pocket expenses after family members have received payment from all other health plans.

### APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT

- Apply online at <https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov> or call toll-free 1-866-372-1144.



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## HISTORIC DRINKING WATER



### The Notification and Outreach Today

The Marine Corps continues its effort to identify and notify those who lived or worked at Camp Lejeune in 1987 or before. A notification database was established that includes contact information for over 235,000 individuals. The Marine Corps utilizes the database to keep registrants informed about health studies and other CLHDW-related events. For the most current registrant count, visit: [www.marines.mil/clwater](http://www.marines.mil/clwater).

Registering with the CLHDW notification database does not enroll you in VA programs. If you would like to apply for VA programs, please use the contact information provided on this page. Regarding eligibility for benefits under the health care law, VA can verify residency in most cases. In cases where they cannot verify residency, they will work with the Marine Corps to find an answer. A Freedom of Information Act request to verify residency is not required, unless a copy of a housing record is desired.

### The Marine Corps recently ran advertisements in the following publications to encourage individuals to be included in the CLHDW notification database:

**January 2014:** *The Jacksonville Daily News* and the *Tampa Bay Tribune*

**August 2014:** *The New York Times*

**September 2014:** *The Washington Post*

**October 2014:** *The Reader's Digest*

**Fall 2015 (planned):** *USA Today*

### LOOKING AHEAD

The following research studies are projected to be released in the future:

- Public Health Assessment reanalysis
- Male breast cancer study
- Health survey (morbidity) study
- Cancer incidence study

### IMPORTANT LINKS AND CONTACTS:

#### U.S. Marine Corps:

**Website:** <http://www.marines.mil/clwater>

**Phone:** 877-261-9782, 8:30a.m. to 5:00p.m. ET

**Email:** [clwater@usmc.mil](mailto:clwater@usmc.mil)

**Q&A Booklet:** [https://cldr.hqi.usmc.mil/clwater/content/documents/CLHDW\\_Booklet.pdf](https://cldr.hqi.usmc.mil/clwater/content/documents/CLHDW_Booklet.pdf)

#### Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry:

**Website:** <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/index.html>

**Phone:** 800-232-4636

**Email:** <http://www.cdc.gov/dcs/request-form.html>

#### U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs:

**Website:** <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/>

**Phone:** 877-222-8387 (Veterans), 866-372-1144 (family members)

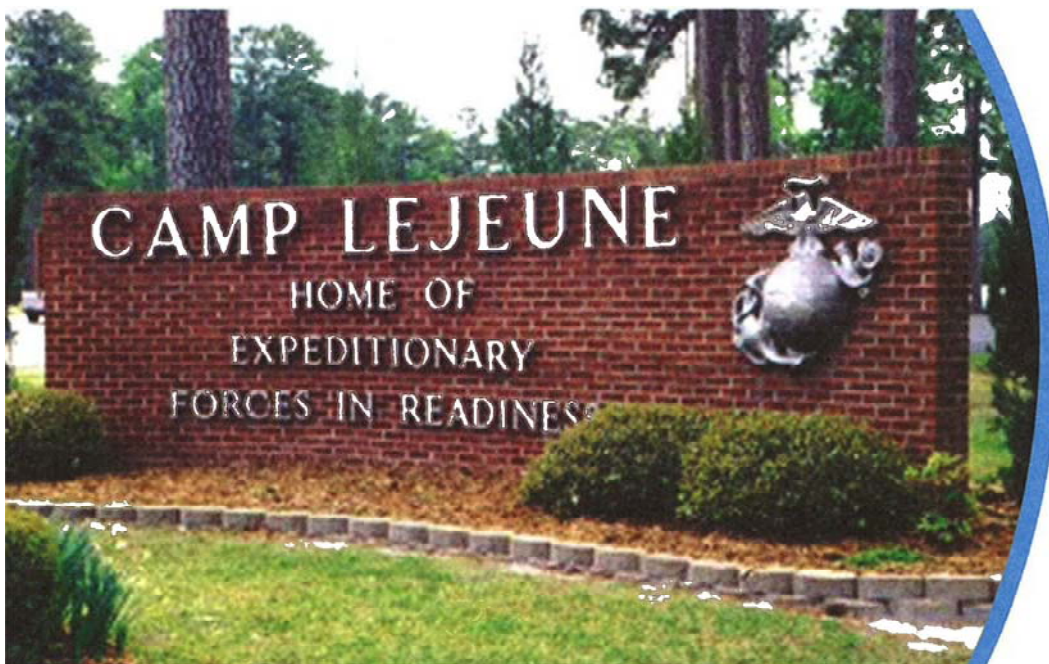
**Apply for VA Health Benefits:** <http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply>

#### U.S. Department of Labor:

**Website:** <http://www.dol.gov/>

**Phone:** 1-866-487-2365

**Email:** <http://www.dol.gov/dol/contact/contact-email.htm>





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# Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water Update

AUGUST 2015

Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water (CLHDW) is a very important issue for the Marine Corps. The Navy and Marine Corps continue to work with a Federal public health agency, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), in an effort to provide comprehensive science-based answers to the health questions that have been raised. Our outreach efforts on this issue first began in 1984, following the discovery of chemicals in certain drinking water wells at Camp Lejeune. Today, we continue to engage in community outreach and notification activities, including the distribution of this newsletter, to keep you informed on the latest research and information on the CLHDW issue. Below is a synopsis of important activities and events that have recently occurred.

### ATSDR RESEARCH STUDIES

In 2014, ATSDR released three research studies about the CLHDW issue:

- **February 2014 ATSDR Mortality Study of Marine Corps and Navy Personnel:** An evaluation of mortality of Marines and Navy personnel exposed to contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune.
- **August 2014 ATSDR Mortality Study of Civilian Employees Exposed to Contaminated Drinking Water:** An evaluation of mortality of civilian employees exposed to contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune.
- **November 2014 ATSDR Adverse Birth Outcomes Study:** A reanalysis of a previous ATSDR cross-sectional study conducted in 1998 to evaluate contaminated drinking water and preterm birth, small for gestational age, and birth weight at Camp Lejeune.

### HEALTH BENEFITS

*Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012:*

- On August 6, 2012, President Barack Obama signed into law the *Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012*. The law provides health benefits for 15 illnesses or conditions affecting veterans and family members who served on active duty or resided at Camp Lejeune for 30 days or more between January 1, 1957 and December 31, 1987. For more information about the new health benefits and eligibility visit: [www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune).
- In 2014, the inclusive dates for the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012 was expanded to include the period from August 1, 1953, through December 31, 1956.

If you served on active duty or resided at Camp Lejeune from August 1, 1953 –December 31, 1987, and have any of the following illnesses or conditions, you may be eligible for health benefits.

Illnesses or conditions included in the *Honoring Americas Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012:*

Bladder cancer  
Breast cancer  
Esophageal cancer  
Female infertility  
Hepatic steatosis  
Kidney cancer  
Leukemia  
Lung cancer  
Miscarriage  
Multiple myeloma  
Myelodysplastic syndromes  
Neurobehavioral effects  
Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma  
Renal toxicity  
Scleroderma

Information about these studies can be found at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune>

