Camp Lejeune Public Meeting (9-19-2020) – Q&A

Question	Answer
General Information	
How can I be added to the ATSDR Camp	ATSDR:
Lejeune email distribution list?	Please send an email to atsdrcamplej@cdc.gov and request to be added to the ATSDR Camp Lejeune email distribution list. Include your name and email address in your request.
Will the slides be available after the	ATSDR:
meeting?	Slides can be viewed by watching the videos of the meetings:
	Camp Lejeune CAP Video (9/1/2020) https://centersfordiseasecontrol.sharefile.com/d-
	<u>s794746ae830b4d4680e3e5e94e9923fb</u>
	Camp Lejeune Public Meeting Video (9/19/2020)
	https://centersfordiseasecontrol.sharefile.com/d-saefa8ecc17ca41c78d19b2fb19fb0554
Is this meeting being recorded and can we	ATSDR:
get the recording?	Videos of the meetings are available at the following links:
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	https://centersfordiseasecontrol.sharefile.com/d-saefa8ecc17ca41c78d19b2fb19fb0554
Re Social media: is there a Facebook page	ATSDR:
about this?	ATSDR does not have a Camp Lejeune Facebook page.

Useful VA Information	Veteran: 877-222-8387
	• Family Member: 866-372-1144
	 https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov (Family Member Program)
	https://www.publichealth.va.gov/ (VA Public Health Website)
	 https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/camp-lejeune-
	water-contamination/ (Additional VA Information on Camp Lejeune)
	www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply (VA Health Benefits)
	 https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp
	 https://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/exposures/camp_lejeune_brochure.pdf (public
	health brochure for CL)
	Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255
	 https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/MENTALHEALTH/get-help/index.asp (VA Mental
	Health)
VA Benefit Claim Information	Veterans who believe they have a condition, whether a presumptive disability or not, that may be
	due to contaminants at Camp Lejeune, may file a claim for any disability that may have been
	caused by or aggravated by military service. Claims can be filed by completing VA Form 21-
	526EZ to apply for service connection due to a condition that developed during your military
	service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment,
	disease, or injury while in service.
	You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim
	for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits.
	 https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or
	• https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/

Eligible Camp Lejeune Program Veterans and Family Members Coverage	Eligible Camp Lejeune Program Veterans and Family Members are covered for the same 15 conditions: • Esophageal cancer • Breast cancer • Kidney cancer • Multiple myeloma • Renal toxicity • Female infertility • Scleroderma • Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma Lung cancer • Bladder cancer • Leukemia • Myelodysplastic syndromes • Hepatic steatosis • Miscarriage • Neurobehavioral effects
Camp Lejeune VETERANS "presumption" conditions	Eligible Camp Lejeune Program VETERANS are also entitled to service connected disability compensation which includes compensation for the follow "presumption" conditions: • Adult leukemia • Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes • Bladder cancer • Kidney cancer • Liver cancer • Multiple myeloma • Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma • Parkinson's disease Please see the below link for additional information regarding covered and presumption conditions: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/

VA Direct Service Connection Information	VA may decide claims for service-connected disabilities on a direct basis if there is sufficient evidence that there was a disease or injury that can be directly linked to your military service. In all cases where VA cannot establish presumptive service connection, VA will consider whether or not there is a direct causal relationship between your current condition and your military service. Direct service connection for any disease alleged to have been caused by the contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune requires evidence of a current disease or disability, evidence of the event, and a medical nexus between the two, supported by a sufficient medical explanation. If you believe that VA did not consider your condition based on direct service connection, please file a supplemental claim to have your decision reconsidered. If your claim has been denied, please follow the appeal rights provided with your denial if you feel your claim was denied in error.
Please verify that the CAP Meeting is dissolving.	ATSDR: The Camp Lejeune CAP has not dissolved; however, ATSDR and the CAP have agreed to more infrequent meetings (ATSDR and CAP Members) until the Cancer Incidence Study and Vapor Intrusion Public Health Assessment are completed.
Is there a link for previous meetings that have been recorded or saved in text form for individual review?	ATSDR: Transcripts for previous CAP meetings can be found at the following ATSDR website: https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/capmeetings.html .
Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs)	VSOs are great advocates for Veterans and claimants to assist with filing your claims for any VA benefits or seeking healthcare. Please also reach out to a VA claims representative for assistance at 1-800-827-1000.
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs structure	The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has three administrations. • VBA – Veterans Benefits Administration • VHA – Veterans Health Administration • NCA – National Cemetery Administration
Proof of Camp Lejeune Residency	Proof of Camp Lejeune residency documents include, but are not limited to: military orders, base housing records, utility bill, pay stub, tax forms, or similar documentation.

Civilians	
I am the daughter of a civilian who worked at Camp Lejeune for 29 years as a barber. He died at the age of 57 (natural causes was the autopsy results). The autopsy showed calcification of organs I think this is due to the large quantities of water he drank at the base. What are you doing for civilians who worked on the base.? What does the research say about issues like this? I feel robbed of years with my father as well as the fact that my father never got to retire from his years of working on base.	This question should be referred to DoD. ATSDR is conducting the Camp Lejeune research. Department of Labor would respond to claims for civilians. ATSDR: We are sorry to hear about the death of your father. In 2014, ATSDR published a mortality study of civilian workers at Camp Lejeune that covered the years 1979 through 2008. Currently, we are working to update this mortality study to cover the years from 1979 through 2018. We are also working on a study of cancer incidence among civilian workers at Camp Lejeune. We do not have any information on the condition that your father suffered from.
My father was a civilian who worked on Camp Lejeune for over 42 years and have passed due to MDS, a type of leukemia. I would like to know whom to contact in reference in his behalf. I was told at the meeting that was held in Jacksonville, NC, I was told at that time to contact the Labor Commission in my state, but have not been able to contact someone there to give me answers. Whom do we contact for civilian?	VA: This question should be referred to DoD. ATSDR is conducting the Camp Lejeune research. Department of Labor would respond to claims for civilians. ATSDR: The state labor commission is the agency to contact.
Eligible Conditions	
Only 15 designated conditions eligible?	VA: See below link for additional information regarding Camp Lejeune Program https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/camp-lejeune-water-contamination/
Veteran – how were the 15 clinical criteria for eligibility determined?	VA: ATSDR research was reviewed. These 15 conditions were then legislated.

Veteran question: are veterans with one of the 15 conditions eligible for any damages other than just paying medical bills? Does the veteran have to go to VA doctors or can we see doctors in the private sector? How do you determine if a specific medical service is covered in relation to the qualifying condition?	VA: If a Veteran believes that military service negatively affected their health, VA encourages the Veteran to file a claim. Determinations of location of provision of care are determined by distance, time to appointments and best interest of the Veteran. Please discuss specific services with your local VA.
Where do we start with applying for the administrative eligibility?	VA: Information regarding the Camp Lejeune Program Family Member Program is at: https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/camp-lejeune-water-contamination/
Claim	
What do you do when you filed a claim many times for the veteran but they have since passed due to one of the causes on the list?	VA: To file a claim for the cause of death for a deceased Veteran, you can file a VA Form 21-534. If you need assistance, please call 1-800827-1000 for a VA employee to assist you.
Where do you find the medical forms to submit the information?	<u>VA:</u> Information regarding the Camp Lejeune Program Family Member Program is at: https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/camp-lejeune-water-contamination/
Do you have data on veterans denied for clinical reasons?	VA: The most common cause of denial is not meeting the Camp Lejeune timelines, or having a condition unrelated to Camp Lejeune.
What if I had a hysterectomy in 2015 because of having cervical cancer. Can I still file a claim?	VA: Cervical cancer is not one of the covered conditions. Application for reimbursement of uncovered costs is covered for 2 years after the cost is incurred. If one wishes to file a claim for consideration information is available at the Camp Lejeune Program Family Member Program: https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/camp-lejeune-water-contamination/
Why does this process take so long? Just as I previously stated ALL claims are rejected then the appeal begins if the veteran stays on top of it.	VA: Claims are reviewed and processed as quickly as possible. VA realizes that Veterans are waiting for determinations.

What percentage of claims are initially rejected?	VA: If the illness is a presumptive condition and the Veteran meets the requirements of residence on Camp Lejeune the claim is approved. For Veterans with a covered condition, as of July 31st, 2020: VA has enrolled 71,397 Camp Lejeune Veterans 3,570 of which were treated specifically for one or more of the 15 specified Camp Lejeune-related medical conditions.
I am a former marine that was stationed at Lejeune (Hadnot point) mainside. I lived in open squadbays 2 nd combat engineers battalion from 1981-1984. I've prostate cancer, kidney conditions, lipoma removed from my neck and have been denied for claims that I've submitted in the past. How can I get some assistance in this?	<u>VA:</u> The listed conditions are not presumptions or covered conditions. Additional assistance for submission of a claim is available at: https://www.va.gov/disability/get-help-filing-claim/
In order to claim, do I need to be affiliated with the VA Medical system. My issue was completed via Civilian means.	VA: Not at all. For your FM side, use the link: https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov For the Veteran side, yes, you have to see the VA hospital or use eBen.
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Can we get the claim form information in the chat? Please add the 1-800 phone number for the med claim info in the chat.	VA: Additional assistance for submission of a claim is available at: https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/camp-lejeune-water-contamination/ and https://www.va.gov/disability/get-help-filing-claim/ or by phone at 800-827-1000

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hair at an early age and unable to gain	
weight for his age group. My daughter was	
born in 1987 and has had many health issues	
and continues to have stomach issues. Not	
going through so many details, can I file a	
claim for my family, me ever for their health	
issues that could have possibly come from	
the contaminated waters of Camp	
Pendleton?	
Would it be better to have release of VA:	
information forms ready before filing for Yes, it is helpful to have a signed release of information sent with claims, but the Family Me	ember
claims. Also to Whom would we direct the Program can start the processing prior to these also. Forms would be sent to the Family M	ember
release of information to? Program.	

Laurine Carson encourages us to file
claimsare we to expect this to take 5 years
or more given the backlog she mentioned??
AGAIN, please tell us how long we can
expect a claim to take to process from start
of filing to determination

VA:

In general, VA disability benefits claims take approximately 125 days to complete. This is because VA has a responsibility to assist Veterans in gathering evidence that is needed to support the claim for benefits. This evidence has to be gathered from various sources such as other federal agencies, private physicians and the Veteran. A VA examination must also be scheduled for appointment and the results must be sent to us as evidence in the claim. For the FM, a claim for consideration usually is taking from 60-90 days, after all paperwork is sent in.

Laurine - You keep mentioning some VA Claim Form Form VA -EZ...???? How about posting this form number in the chat box? I also suggest posting a link to the VA site in the chat box?

VA:

http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/10-10EZ-fillable.pdf

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o https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or o https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/

• VBA provides appeal rights if you disagree with the decision, see below link for additional information on your appeal rights or follow the instructions sent with the denial notice

o https://www.va.gov/decision-reviews/

Screening/Preventative Care

I am a 64 year old Marine veteran. The question is what does the government recommend I do for more screening? e.g. instead of getting colonoscopies every five years, should I get them every year? If so, will the government pay for it? Should I get chest x-rays every year? Etc What do your recommend? You keep talking about how you got the data – what we care about is what can we do now to cover our enhanced risk?

VA:

The best course of action is to follow the guidelines for screening. This includes height, weight and blood pressure. There are also recommended screenings by age:

AGE 18 - 39

- •a cholesterol check once when 18-35 and after age 35 cholesterol is checked every five years if normal, annually if there are risk factors
- •skin exam looking for cancers
- •women: exam for breast lumps
- •women: pelvic exam with pap smear should be conducted every three years starting at the age of 21
- •men: testicular exam

AGE 40 - 64 The screenings in the 18 - 39 age group continue annually, or as recommended by your physician.

- •women: mammograms after age of 40; if breast cancer runs in a family or there are risk factors these may begin earlier
- •men: prostate screenings start at the age 50 unless there are other risks and your physician may advise to start at the age of 40
- •fasting blood sugar levels for signs of diabetes
- •colonoscopy should be completed at age 50 or ten years earlier than the youngest family member with colon cancer; with normal results, colorectal cancer screenings should be completed every 10 years

Over age 65, many of the screenings above should still be completed annually, in addition to those screening tests

- •starting at the age of 65, men and women should have a bone density study every 2 5 years
- \bullet ask your physician about pneumococcal, shingles and other vaccinations

Other tests may be advised based on risks such as CT scans or Chest X-rays for smokers. Please share concerns with your care provider and further testing may be considered.

Being proactive. We're more likely to get various cancers and other illnesses. Is there medical screening I can do with my doctor to determine whether I have one of these conditions?

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Is there a prepared document, form or pamphlet to give to my primary care physician so he knows what to look for or test for. Including:

- Presumptive documented illnesses
- Secondary and tertiary illnesses that have been submitted and covered.
- -What are the possible illnesses that could be passed on to my children.

What are the VA Clinics and Hospitals doing for pre screening and testing?

I went years ago and the VA Clinic did not have a clue as to what I was talking about.

VA:

Your physician or care provider can access https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp for information. Additional assistance for submission of a claim is available at: https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/camp-lejeune-water-contamination/ and https://www.va.gov/disability/get-help-filing-claim/ or by phone at 800-827-1000. Currently there is no evidence of intergenerational effects. If the child was born on or in utero at between 1953 and 1987 the Family Member Program is available for assistance. The best course of action is to follow the guidelines for screening. This includes height, weight and blood pressure. There are also recommended screenings by age:

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Thank you... will preventative / routine care be offered to FM like it is for the veteran?

VA:

Family Members are reimbursed for covered conditions. Routine medical exams unrelated to a covered condition are not covered. https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-leieune/index.asp

Camp Johnson	
I am a veteran who was stationed at Camp Johnson during 1982. How do I obtain records showing the exact dates that I was in Camp Johnson? Also, is Camp Johnson within the disability coverage area?	VA: You can do a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request to the USMC. or to the library of congress for your SRB. (service record book). There is a website for Vets as well. https://www.mcieast.marines.mil/Portals/33/Documents/Adjutant/FOIA/MCIEAST-MCB%20CAMLEJ%20G-1%20ADJ%205720.1%201%20(MCIEAST-MCB%20CAMLEJ%20FOIA%20Request%20Form%20Housing).pdf
What did Frank Bove say about Camp Johnson?	ATSDR: Camp Johnson did not have contaminated drinking water. However, a person stationed anywhere at the base (including New River Air Station and Camp Johnson) would have been exposed to the contaminated drinking water when visiting the main portion of the base ("mainside"). Mainside was served by the contaminated Hadnot Point plant. The contamination occurred from the early 1950s through February 1985. Camp Johnson is considered part of the base and therefore eligible for VA programs. https://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/exposures/camp_lejeune_brochure.pdf
To Frank Bove: If someone was stationed at Camp Johnson, would they be ignored if they seek info or help with Health situations that might be caused by water contamination in Camp Lejeune (even though they could have visited and drank water from areas that has these contaminants).	ATSDR: No. A person stationed anywhere at the base (including New River Air Station and Camp Johnson) would have been exposed to the contaminated drinking water when visiting the main portion of the base ("mainside"). Mainside was served by the contaminated Hadnot Point plant. The contamination occurred from the early 1950s through February 1985. Camp Johnson is considered part of the base and therefore eligible for VA programs. https://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/exposures/camp_lejeune_brochure.pdf
Can you please address Camp Johnson? Why is Camp Johnson circled on the contamination map?	ATSDR: Camp Johnson is circled not because of known contamination at the site, but because it is considered part of the base and therefore eligible for VA programs. Those who were at Camp Johnson likely were exposed to contaminated drinking water during any training at mainside and when they visited mainside. That is why Camp Johnson is included in the VA programs. https://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/exposures/camp_lejeune_brochure.pdf
So, is Camp Johnson a disqualifier?	ATSDR: No. A person stationed anywhere at the base (including New River Air Station and Camp Johnson) would have been exposed to the contaminated drinking water when visiting the main portion of the base ("mainside"). Mainside was served by the contaminated Hadnot Point plant. The contamination occurred from the early 1950s through February 1985. Camp Johnson is considered part of the base and therefore eligible for VA programs. https://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/exposures/camp_lejeune_brochure.pdf

Did you (Frank Bove) also state something about the service members going to the surrounding communities? So are service members that were stationed at Camp Johnson available for benefits or at risk for developing any of these health issues. There is a reference to only being stationed at Camp Lejeune, not to all the other surrounding camps. So one question is specific to being stationed at Camp Johnson.	ATSDR: If the service member visited the mainside of the base or visited housing at Tarawa Terrace and consumed water (drinking, showering, etc.) while at these locations from the 1950s through February 1985, then the service member would have been exposed to contaminants that might increase the risk for specific cancers and other chronic diseases. A person stationed anywhere at the base (including New River Air Station and Camp Johnson) would have been exposed to the contaminated drinking water when visiting the main portion of the base ("mainside"). Mainside was served by the contaminated Hadnot Point plant. The contamination occurred from the early 1950s through February 1985. The Tarawa Terrace family housing units were served by contaminated drinking water from the Tarawa Terrace plant from the late 1950s through February 1985. Camp Johnson is considered part of the base and therefore eligible for VA programs. https://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/exposures/camp_lejeune_brochure.pdf ATSDR: Yes. Camp Johnson is considered part of the base and therefore eligible for VA programs. If the service member visited the mainside of the base or visited housing at Tarawa Terrace and consumed water (drinking, showering, etc.) while at these locations from the 1950s through
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Status of Camp Geiger Marines?	ATSDR: Camp Geiger did not have contaminated drinking water, but it is considered part of Camp Lejeune and is therefore included in the VA programs. https://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/exposures/camp_lejeune_brochure.pdf

We lived on base from 1958 to 1961, in	<u>VA:</u>
Camp Geiger at Camp Lejeune, my husband	For information, please review https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov/ or call 1-866-372-1144
had lung cancer, i have had Uterine cancer,	for assistance with an application for the Camp Lejeune Family Member Program.
my first child we conceived and born six	
weeks early, now is crippled with	
rheumatoid arthiritis, my second son was	
conceived on base, was born three weeks	
early, and also is unable to work due to R.A.	
My daughter is also suffering from	
neurological problems. Why has there been	
no mention of Camp Geiger? What is	
necessary to get help for all my children?	
Three out of three are unable to work	
because of physical and neurological	
reasons. Where did all the money that	
President Obama said would help those that	
suffer from water pollution at Camp Lejeune	
go?	
This USMC Veteran was stationed at Camp	VA:
Geiger from 1979-1982, and I have blood	Blood clotting issues are often related to genetic issues and may appear early or late in life.
clotting issueswould that condition	Current studies to no show an association.
connect?	
Just to clarify an earlier comment. Camp	ATSDR:
Geiger is included in the contamination?	Camp Geiger did not have contaminated drinking water, but it is considered part of Camp
	Lejeune and is therefore included in the VA programs.
	https://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/exposures/camp_lejeune_brochure.pdf
No one ever mentions specifically Camp	ATSDR:
Geiger, so I never knew if I was in danger or	Camp Geiger did not have contaminated drinking water, but it is considered part of Camp
not(Veteran)	Lejeune and is therefore included in the VA programs.
	https://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/exposures/camp_lejeune_brochure.pdf
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I was at Camp Geiger right next to Camp Lejeune. Does this include me in the water exposure?	VA: look at this link. it has a pictured map of the exposure lines approved: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/exposures/camp_lejeune_brochure.pdf ATSDR: Camp Geiger did not have contaminated drinking water, but it is considered part of Camp Lejeune and is therefore included in the VA programs. https://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/exposures/camp_lejeune_brochure.pdf
Reimbursement I have not been reimbursed for paid bills and VA has not been paying my bills. Will we be reimbursed for any medical conditions. Mine started in 2005.	VA: There is reimbursement for Family Members is for out of pocket expenses in the preceding 2 years of billing. Veterans are able to be seen at VA facilities for care.
How do I submit a reimbursement application for the beneficiary side? My mother passed of cancer April 2019.	<u>VA:</u> Please submit any requests for reimbursement of put of pocket costs to the Camp Lejeune Family Member Program found at: https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov/
I was denied payment for care of my lymphoma prior to signing up because I didn't know about the clnc problem. Why can the VA deny me repayment for my therapy at this time?	VA: Please submit any requests for reimbursement of put of pocket costs to the Camp Lejeune Family Member Program found at: https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov/ . Information regarding questions for Veteran care and submission of a claim can be found at: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp
If I am being reimbursed with monthly benefit check, can I get reimbursement for my monthly chemo? I have MM and will be on it for the rest of my life.	VA: Veterans are eligible for care related to Camp Lejeune at VA facilities. In certain cases the Veteran may be eligible for Mission Act support. Please see your local VA facility for enrollment in VA care.
My father who served on Camp Lejeune has recently passed, but had at least one of the 15 qualifying conditions. Are the survivors able to apply on his behalf for reimbursements to survivors of vet?	VA: Assistance for submission of a claim is available at: https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/camp-lejeune-water-contamination/ and https://www.va.gov/disability/get-help-filing-claim/ or by phone at 800-827-1000

Primarily to Ms. Hastings and Ms. Carson: I am veteran who filed a claim in 2014 for Bladder Cancer. I was denied numerous times. Finally in Nov. of 2019 I was in front of the board of review. In January of this year the VA began compensation. My medical treatments for the cancer took place by my private doctor and I paid for all of the bills. Are those expenses recoverable?

VA:

Additional assistance for submission of a claim is available at:

https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/camp-lejeune-water-contamination/ and https://www.va.gov/disability/get-help-filing-claim/ or by phone at 800-827-1000

What about being at Camp Johnson and training at both for months? I am a veteran I was stationed at Camp Johnson and trained at Camp Lejeune for months during these dates. I have a history of tumors and miscarriages, cervical precancerous. Three surgeries. I am currently at 10% disabled. I no longer reside in the states. How do I get medical care reimbursement?

VA:

VA's Foreign Medical Program may be able to assist with medical costs. Information can be found at: https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/fmp/index.asp

I am a Marine Corps veteran stationed at CLNC from 76-78 and 79-80. I was also a civil service employee from 81-88. ATSDR mortality study shows prostate cancer at higher level with CLNC group compared to CP group. Will prostate cancer be covered for reimbursement for out of pocket expenses?

VA:

The studies looking at the connection between residence at Camp Lejeune and prostate cancer do not demonstrate an association. The website at:

https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp has information on presumptions related to Camp Lejeune. Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption.

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- o https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or
- o https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/

Neurobehavioral/Mental Health	
My daughter was born at Camp Lejeune and died from suicide almost 9 years ago. Is this related to neurobehavioral effects? How should this be reported?	<u>VA:</u> This is a very tragic loss for you and your family and you have my condolences. The evidence collected and analyzed shows suicide is not considered to be a neurobehavioral diagnosis related to residence at Camp Lejeune. I hope this answers your question.
I was stationed in MCAS New River, NC and live in housing Tarawa Terrace from 25 Jun 1986 – 1989. I have neurobehavioral effects and hepatic steatosis. I serve 16 yrs in the Marine Corp. I have mental disorder and PTSD.	VA: Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption. • Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service. You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits. o https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or o https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/
Skin Issues	
How can I schedule an examination for the skin issues that I have having regarding the skin issues due to the water contamination?	VA: Please contact your VA provider for an appointment.
I am a veteran and I am experiencing skin issues. Where can I find a list of presumptive skin issues and symptoms?	VA: The website at: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp has information on presumptions related to Camp Lejeune. Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption. • Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service. You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits. • https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or • https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/

Prostate	
After the ATSDR Mortality Study, why is prostate cancer not listed as a presumptive disease? I was a Lejeune from late 1973 thru 1975. I had prostate cancer diagnosis last year Feb 2019. I was assigned to main side. Lived in Tarawa Terrace and in the Community. I also spent time on Camp Geiger and lived at Camp Johnson/Monfort Point for 6 weeks training. How do I determine if my prostate cancer was related to this tour of duty?	VA: The studies looking at the connection between residence at Camp Lejeune and prostate cancer do not demonstrate a clear or strong association. VA The studies looking at the connection between residence at Camp Lejeune and prostate cancer do not demonstrate a clear or strong association. The website at: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp has information on presumptions related to Camp Lejeune. Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption. • Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service. You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits.
	o https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/
What about this court ruling on prostate cancer and the VA board improperly denying the relationship: https://cck-law.com/blog/board-improperly-denied-service-connection-for-prostate-cancer-based-on-Camp-Lejeune-Contaminated-Water-Exposure/	VA: This was an appeal to the Board of Veterans Appeals. Veterans may appeal to the Board if there is additional information and request review by the court.

I'm a USMC veteran camp Johnson, Geiger, French Creek main side midway park court house bay 82-86. Why isn't prostate cancer not included when research shows it is connected to the toxins and it shows the reproductive organs are. Isn't the prostate part of the reproductive system? Also bladder cancer is a presumptive condition doesn't what leaves the bladder goes through the prostate so why isn't prostate cancer included?

VA:

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My husband is a veteran and has stage 4 prostate cancer. Why isn't that on the list of presumptives? He has no family members with prostate cancer.

VA:

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I'm a USMC Veteran 82-86. I have metastatic prostate cancer stage 4 and no one in my family has ever had prostate cancer.	<u>VA:</u> The website at: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp has information on presumptions related to Camp Lejeune. Veterans are able to submit a claim for
Exposure to the toxins have evidence to reproductive system is affected. Isn't the prostate part of the reproductive system? Also bladder cancer is on the list. Doesn't what leaves the bladder goes through the prostate? So if prostate cancer is 50/50, doesn't the VA favor the veteran? So it should be linked!!!!	any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption. • Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service. You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits. • https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or ohttps://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/
Renal/Kidney	
What is the difference between Renal Toxicity and Chronic Kidney Disease?	VA: In the report, The National Academy of Science Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) Review of VA Clinical Guidance for the Health Conditions Identified by the Camp Lejeune Legislation (2015), the committee found that when determining whether or not the patient's chronic kidney disease is related to exposure to contaminated drinking water while at Camp Lejeune. If the evaluation shows that the patient's kidney disease is compatible with another etiology, such as diabetic nephropathy or hypertensive nephrosclerosis, it is unlikely that solvent exposure at Camp Lejeune was the causative agent.

Auto Immune	
I worked in a shop 84-88, rebuilding engines and we had a massive dip tank full of trichlorethylene open to the air. I was consistently covered with oils, grease, and solvents and breathing that air full of fumes from the solvents and exhaust from engines running. We washed the floor each week and swept the water right out the door. I have strange autoimmune issues hard to diagnose and no family history. I am in constant agony as my joints disintegrate and now my spine! How can this not be connected. Tell me how? I was at Lejeune Feb 82- Aug 88, lived at French Creek (FC 550) and worked at building 1606 Fir St. in the industrial area.	The website at: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp has information on presumptions related to Camp Lejeune. Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption. • Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service. You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits. • https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or • https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/
Spleen	
Does this effect your spleen at all? They have found lesions on the spleen.	The website at: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp has information on presumptions related to Camp Lejeune. Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption. • Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service. You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits. • https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation • https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/
Dental Care	
Is a priority 6 eligible for dental care?	VA: In most cases Dental is not a covered benefit for Veterans.

Cancer	
I am a veteran Marine and I would like to know about the stages of cancer that were studied. To explain, I know that when someone has cysts, a biopsy is done to determine if they are benign or cancerous. Are cysts themselves looked at as a possible affect from the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune?	VA: Conditions prior that may be considered possibly pre-cancerous are not considered to be presumptions. The website at: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp has information on presumptions related to Camp Lejeune. Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption. • Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service. You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits. • https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation • o https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/ ATSDR: ATSDR is currently studying malignant cancers among service members and civilian workers at Camp Lejeune. This study is using data from state and federal cancer registries to identify cancer cases. Cysts are not recorded by cancer registries, so they cannot be evaluated in this study. ATSDR is also conducting a mortality study; however, cysts would not be a cause of death so they would not be evaluated in this study.
Veteran and Family member: Veteran from 78-81, Family from 80-on. 2 children born in Lejeune. Which way would I file for Cancer? Lived Tarawa Terrace. I was interviewed years ago and have been on mail list.	VA: You can apply under both. For your FM portion: https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov
Why is lung cancer listed for compensation of a dependent or civilian, yet if you were the Marine, it is not covered? Where is the equality?	VA: Veterans can receive care for the 15 Camp Lejeune covered conditions. The conditions were legislated and the presumptions were determined by the Secretary VA. the lists are not a perfect match. The website at: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp has information on presumptions related to Camp Lejeune. Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption. • Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service

	connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service. You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits. o https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or o https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/
I'm a marine that stationed at Camp Lejeune	VA:
in 1985-1986. Would testicular cancer be	Testicular cancer is not a presumption. The website at:
considered a presumptive condition due to	https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp has information on
contaminated water?	presumptions related to Camp Lejeune. Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in
contaminated water.	which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service
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Is laryngeal cancer associated with or	<u>VA:</u>
completely different from esophageal	These are different conditions. The esophagus is part of the digestive system and goes into the
cancer?	stomach. The larynx is part of the respiratory system and goes into the lungs. Smoking is the
	most common cause of laryngeal cancer. The website at:
	https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp has information on
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My mother died of leukemia in March 2008. She was diagnosed with leukemia in 2000. My father was a Marine and was stationed in Camp Lejeune at the time of my birth in April 1956. We lived in Tarawa Terrace on Naha Drive. Our family history does not include a history of leukemia. My mother have never been exposed to chemicals or petroleum products which would benzene and other cancer causing chemicals. She is not a smoker. I believe the only time she was exposed was to brief fill-ups of gasoline in her vehicle. I am concern that our time in Tarawa Terrace could lead to her diagnosis. I am also concerned about my condition as well. So far, I am fine. I just want to get my comments on the record. Thank you!

VA:

You would be eligible for coverage of covered conditions in the Camp Lejeune Family Member Program should those arise. For information, please review https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov/ or call 1-866-372-1144 for assistance with an application for the Camp Lejeune Family Member Program.

Are survivable cancers deemed less serious by ATSDR and VA? Cancer treatments often cause serious permanent residual issues.

VA:

All cancers are serious. ATSDR and VA consider all malignancies that may be caused by toxic exposure.

ATSDR:

No, survivable cancers are not deemed less serious. However, a mortality study is not a good way to study such cancers. That is why ATSDR is conducting a cancer incidence study (https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/cancer-incidence-study.html), which is an appropriate way to study these cancers.

I was in the Marines reserve unit from Waukegan IL and we did two weeks on camp Lejeune. We used a water buffalo for water in the field and showered on base, we ate and drank the water at chow hall. I have harry cell leukemia. Do you know if other marines from this unit have some of these diseases? No one in my family has any leukemia.

VA:

While Hairy Cell Leukemia is not specifically listed among the conditions and presumption associated with service at Camp Lejeune, it is a form of leukemia nonetheless. The listing for the 15 covered conditions were legislated and the 8 presumptions were determined by the Secretary VA. These are listed at: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp VA established a presumptive service connection for Veterans, Reservists, and National Guard members exposed to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune from August 1, 1953 through December 31, 1987 who later developed one of the following eight diseases:

- •Adult leukemia / •Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes / •Bladder cancer /
- •Kidney cancer / •Liver cancer / •Multiple myeloma / •Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Parkinson's disease

The 15 legislated covered conditions include: •Esophageal cancer / •Breast cancer / •Kidney cancer / •Multiple myeloma / •Renal toxicity / •Female infertility / •Scleroderma / •Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma / •Lung cancer / •Bladder cancer / •Leukemia / •Myelodysplastic syndromes / •Hepatic steatosis / •Miscarriage

- •Neurobehavioral effects Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption.
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ATSDR:

ATSDR is conducting a cancer incidence study (https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/cancer-incidence-study.html) that will evaluate hairy-cell leukemia as well as other leukemias and other cancers.

Is anyone continuing to look at additional types of cancer that may be caused by these chemicals? I severed at Camp LeJeune from 09/61-06/64, developed prostate cancer with severe side effects. there is no family history of prostate cancer my initial application and appeal have been rejected.	ATSDR: ATSDR is conducting a cancer incidence study (https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/cancer-incidence-study.html) to evaluate all cancers including prostate cancer.
Parkinson's	
Why is Parkinson's not included with the list of 15 conditions?	VA: The conditions were legislated and the presumptions determined by the Secretary VA. The presumptions and legislated conditions do not match.
My mother has MS and my father (retired) has Parkinsons.	VA: If a Veteran, your father may be eligible for benefits via a presumption. Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption. • Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service. You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits. • https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or • https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/ . MS is not a covered condition or presumption.

Multiple Sclerosis	
For a veteran. neuro behavioral effectsparkinsons one of the 15 conditions covered, Why is multiple sclerosis not included as one of the neuro conditions?	VA: Neurobehavioral effects may be caused by Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). Regarding Neurobehavioral Effects (other than Parkinson's disease); a consensus of acute effects exists, but evidence is limited for chronic conditions. Evidence may support persistent conditions that originated while in service at CL for persistent trigeminal nerve, vestibular, visual, auditory or cognitive effects. Symptoms would have started at the time of exposure and persisted, not developed well after exposure. The National Academy of Medicine noted deficits in visuomotor function, motor function, memory, and concentration that originated during service at CL and persist to the present for TCE and PCE. ATSDR CL Review: did not review or comment on neurobehavioral effects.
For a veteran already on the toxic water registry. Neuro behavioral effectsparkinsons is one of the 15 presumptive conditions covered, Why is multiple sclerosis not included as one of the presumptive neurological conditions? It is determined on the Camp Pendelton comparison of having a HIGHER mortality rate along with Parkinsons for a veteran already on the toxic water registry.	VA: Neurobehavioral effects may be caused by Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). Regarding Neurobehavioral Effects (other than Parkinson's disease); a consensus of acute effects exists, but evidence is limited for chronic conditions. Evidence may support persistent conditions that originated while in service at CL for persistent trigeminal nerve, vestibular, visual, auditory or cognitive effects. Symptoms would have started at the time of exposure and persisted, not developed well after exposure. The National Academy of Medicine noted deficits in visuomotor function, motor function, memory, and concentration that originated during service at CL and persist to the present for TCE and PCE. ATSDR CL Review: did not review or comment on neurobehavioral effects.
Research/Studies	
How is research conducted for new conditions that might needed to be added to the list? For example musculoskeletal /joint issues? I am a veteran.	ATSDR: ATSDR is currently conducting mortality and cancer incidence studies (https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/cancer-incidence-study.html) at Camp Lejeune. These are the only studies being conducted at the base.
Has the ATSDR updated these studies on Camp Lejeune?	ATSDR: ATSDR is currently updating the mortality study (https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/health-studies-in-adults.html . The new study will cover the years 1979 through 2018.

Has the ATSDR done a death certificate study of Marines with aortic dissection since it is usually fatal? both vet and Family: Will there be a follow-up survey or interview for those that were interviewed years ago?	ATSDR: ATSDR evaluated all causes of death in the study it published in 2014 (https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/health-studies-in-adults.html). ATSDR is now updating this study. ATSDR: No. The earlier survey conducted in 2011-2012 was mandated by Congress. No additional surveys are planned.
Veteran and Family: when I did the earlier survey and interview, I have no documentation on either. If I make a claim, will they be able to find the information they need or do I need to get a copy somewhere?	VA: the survey does not allow my team the correct and required information for us to process for consideration. You would need to gather all that info needed and submit it to us using the link: https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov
I am a vet who served at CL 1984-87. I heard the question on advance arthritis. I also am having arthritis/osteo issues. How do we get a study going on the relationship of this issue to the water contamination? How do we find out if there are others and how many others have this medical issue and whether it is related to the water contamination?	ATSDR: Currently, no evidence in the scientific literature links arthritis or osteoarthritis to exposures to the chemicals that contaminated the drinking water at Camp Lejeune. However, few studies have been conducted evaluating these health conditions and workplace or environmental exposures to these chemicals. ATSDR is not planning to conduct a study of these health conditions at Camp Lejeune. ATSDR and the VA will continue to monitor the scientific literature on the health effects of occupational or environmental exposures to these chemicals.
I was at camp Lejeune from 1968 - 1970 and had a brain tumor [Atypical Choroid Plexus Papilloma] removed in 2007. It effected my vision and balance. When do you expect to finish the study into whether or not brain tumors are related to the Lejeune water?	ATSDR: We anticipate that the Cancer Incidence Study will be completed by the end of 2022. (https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/cancer-incidence-study.html)
If you were barracked in one area but worked in another, would the studies address the drinking water of people who worked in specific buildings/affected areas?	ATSDR: No. ATSDR does not have information on the locations where service members or civilian employees worked at the base. The studies assume that everyone stationed or employed at the base when the drinking water was contaminated was exposed. To assess residential exposures to the contaminated drinking water, however, the study does consider the locations where service members were likely barracked or were provided family housing.

EPA# NC6170022580 listed 72 other	ATSDR:
chemicals during mitigation. Why aren't they	The study is evaluating exposures to the contaminated drinking water, so only the drinking water
being considered in studies?	contaminants are under evaluation. Unless the individual worked with the chemical, exposure to
	the other chemicals listed is unlikely.
Has there been any studies or evidence on	ATSDR:
dyslexia or poor brain functions?	Some occupational studies conducted elsewhere in the U.S. and other countries have found some
	differences in neurological or behavioral function from exposures to these chemicals. However,
	we have found no studies specific to dyslexia.
Has Rheumatoid arthritis studies been	ATSDR:
conducted?	No epidemiological studies have evaluated rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and exposure to these
	chemicals. A few studies have looked at RA and occupations but did not specify the chemicals
	used in these occupations.
Scleroderma	
Who is an expert to talk with on a vet claim	VA:
for scleroderma. Why is scleroderma not	Scleroderma is a condition covered by the Camp Lejeune Family Member Program and Veterans
considered presumptive for a VA claim?	may be seen at VA facilities for this illness. Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition
Please let me know.	in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service
	connection even without a presumption.
	Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a
	presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service
	connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your
	claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service.
	You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim
	for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits.
	o https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or

If I am hearing this right, Scleroderma is caused by this exposure. I have this health problem and it has ruined my life. If I can make this connection I need to know. What say you?	Scleroderma is a condition covered by the Camp Lejeune Family Member Program and Veterans may be seen at VA facilities for this illness. Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption. • Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service. You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits. • https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/
Reserves	
I was in the USMC Reserves from, 1962 to 1968. I was at Camp Lejeune (Camp Geiger?) from June 1962 until Aug 1962 and again for 2 weeks sometime during 1962 to 1968. The local VA office in Tavares, FL will not even talk to me because I was in the reserves. They just keep repeating that I am not eligible for benefits because I was in the reserves. Help Please.	VA: Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption. • Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service. You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits. o https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or o https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/
I was told the same as the other reserve person from all VA resp around Chicago.	Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption. • Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service. You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits. o https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or o https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/

Survey	
Another survey in the future? Since the public has greater awareness of CLCW information, another survey may	ATSDR: There are no plans to conduct additional surveys. In general, surveys conducted these days tend to have very low participation. Even the census, in which participation was a legal requirement, needed door-to-door canvassing to reach its targets. ATSDR: No. In general, surveys conducted these days tend to have very low participation. Even the
produce higher return rates. Will another survey be sent out to secure additional data for greater study accuracy?	census, in which participation was a legal requirement, needed door-to-door canvassing to reach its targets. There are no plans to conduct additional surveys.
General Health Issues	
Does the contaminants cause infertility in men? Or sleep apnea/breathing issues or allergies?	VA: Currently, research on exposure to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune is not noted to cause these issues.
	ATSDR: So far, there is little evidence from occupational studies conducted elsewhere in the U.S. and in other countries that workplace exposure to these chemicals affect fertility in men, but that may be because few studies have been conducted. So far, no evidence suggests that sleep apnea or allergies are caused by exposure to these chemicals.
Is rembd considered under neurological behavior?	VA: The National Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine review did not find REM sleep behavioral disorder to be associated with exposure to Camp Lejeune water exposure. Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption. • Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service. You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits. o https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or o https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/

I was in Corps from 62-72. Spent 34 months at CL in the 60's. About 20yrs ago I was diagnosed with Kidney Failure. I had kidney failure. Now in dialysis. Can I get medical expenses covered by VA? If so, how? I was never informed of the problem.

VA:

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I was stationed at camp Lejeune from 1976 through 1979. I'm blind from my left eye, skin problems very sensitive to the sun, stomach issues and many other medical problems. I bomb when off in my body in 2018 while on active duty while driving an applicant to enlist in the military. I was a Military recruiter at the time. The VA have to explanations as to my blindness. I was rated 100% for all my service connected injuries.

VA:

As a Veteran with 100% disability you are eligible to enroll in VA healthcare and some other services available for your disabilities.

I had a lot of hair loss when I was stationed in military housing. 1986-1989. I apply VA and no reply.

VA:

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Stationed at Camp Lejeune from 1985-1987. I do not have any cancers but my lungs are extremely sensitive to all kinds of odors and skin sensitive to the sun. I do not if it's related but wanted to know if you have seen this throughout your studies.

VA:

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ATSDR:

ATSDR has not conducted studies to evaluate these symptoms.

Both my dad and I served at the base. What birth defects would impact me as a double exposure with gene and Environmental?

VA:

You may submit an application under the family member link:

https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov

I am a former Marine who was stationed on Camp Lejeune from December 1978 to June 1980, and I was assigned to enlisted barracks with 3rd BN 2nd Mar. I believe it was on E. Street. Anyway, at one point (not sure exactly which dates), I needed to go to the base hospital for rectal bleeding, which became bloody diarrhea, and I never received any information from the medical staff at the time what it was caused from. Looking back now, I do wonder if this is of any concern.

VA:

It is more likely that rectal bleeding was related to another cause, such as infectious diarrhea/dysentery or inflammatory bowel disease. Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption.

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I'm a former marine that was stationed at Camp Lejeune from 1975 thru 1978. I'm currently suffering from GERD and Acid Reflux. Can you provide any information on whether the drinking water at Camp Lejeune is directly or indirectly related my ongoing problem??

VA:

GERD has many causes; smoking and hiatal hernia among other conditions can be causes. Please see your provider for a review of your illness. Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption.

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ATSDR:

It is unlikely that drinking water exposures at Camp Lejeune would cause GERD and acid reflux.

I am a marine stationed there from 1977-1979. I have 23 confirmed neurological diseases being treated for at VA and Community Care physicians. I am the 8th of 12 children all from the same parents. None of my 11 siblings have any of my 23 neurological diseases. My neurologist suggested genetic testing but after two teleconferences and thorough background questioning it was determined that, given the historical medical background on both sides of my family members that genetic testing would not be efficacious either for my current care or in acquiring information that would be statistically significant in my case. Given the fact that none of my 11 siblings nor any of my parents or past family members had suffered any of my current 23 neurological diseases, why would the VA doctor falsely record ZERO neurological CNS & PNS deficits on my last COMP & PEN given the extensive medical record of my current list of diseases I'm being treated for? Recourse?

VA:

You may appeal the decision and instructions for that would have been sent with your determination. If you need assistance, please call 1-800--827-1000 for a VA employee to assist you.

Mostly a dependent question. Although my father, a retired master gunnery sergeant (combat in Korea and Vietnam) is alive and well. My family was stationed alternately at Camp Lejeune, Pendelton and Smith. At LeJeune (base housing) in late 50's and mid to late 60s. With dependent children born and raised there. My father and the dependents show varying issues with: acid reflux, kidney, kidney stones, prostate, and diverticulitis. Two of the dependent's children have Muscular Dystrophy. No prior family history of these issues. You show links with kidney function; what of the others?

VA:

Acid reflux, kidney stones, prostate concerns and diverticulitis have many causes. It is unlikely that these are related to exposure to the water at Camp Lejeune. Muscular Dystrophies are most often are related to genetic conditions even if these did not appear in a family prior. It would be worthwhile to consider genetic testing if this has not been done by your physician yet.

To Dr. Bove and Dr. Hastings: I'm the marine vet who asked the question about metabolic syndrome and hepatic steatosis. Thank you for Ms. Hastings answer, but I'm still confused. To clarify my question: Are toxin exposure and metabolic syndrome totally unrelated causes in the etiology of fatty liver? Or might toxin exposure and metabolic syndrome by mutually reinforcing contributors to fatty liver? Or might toxin exposure even increase risk of metabolic syndrome and thereby lead to fatty liver?

VA:

It is more likely that metabolic syndrome is causing the fatty liver. Fatty liver by itself is not known as a cause of metabolic syndrome.

ATSDR:

So far, there is no evidence that exposures to these chemicals cause metabolic syndrome or fatty liver disease.

I think it is interesting that we are almost exclusively talking about cancersworried about other conditions being overlooked. Is that the case? Like the other marine, I have two sons, one has scoliosis and one has Tourette's. Besides	ATSDR: ATSDR has conducted studies of diseases that the scientific literature indicated might be associated with exposure to the chemicals that occurred in the drinking water at the base. These studies evaluated neural tube birth defects, cleft lip and palate, low birth weight and preterm birth in children, and all causes of death that occurred to service members and civilian workers. ATSDR also evaluated male breast cancer among service members. ATSDR is now conducting a cancer incidence study to evaluate all cancers that occurred among service members and civilian workers. ATSDR did attempt to evaluate other diseases via a survey conducted in 2011-2012, but the participation rate was so low that the study did not provide scientifically useful information. https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/health-studies.html VA: Scoliosis and Tourette's are not known to be associated with Camp Lejeune.
telling me to go to family members site, can you provide a logical answer? I'm sure one of you all know the answer. Can they be treated?	
I completed my Advanced Combat Training at Camp Lejeune for three months in 1963. I have been treated many times for non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma yet the VA has told me I do not qualify for benefits. Please explain why no benefits.	VA: Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption. • Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service. You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits. o https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or o https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/

My husband was a Hospital Corpsman at	<u>VA:</u>
Camp Johnson. His legs have neurological	Restless leg syndrome and prostate difficulties with enlargement and urinary slowing/retention
ticks, his abdominal area is larger than the	increase with age. Enlargement of the liver could be from many causes, such as cancers, cirrhosis
rest of him (he doesn't drink alcohol) which	as well as fatty liver. It is important to see your provider to see if these are present. Veterans
leads me to believe that he may have a fatty	who served at Camp Lejeune are eligible to be seen at VA facilities. For illness unrelated to Camp
liver which you mentioned. He also has	Lejeune there may be a co-pay. Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which
prostrate symptoms at times. I'm mainly worried that he may have some kind of	they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption.
neurological issues. How do we go about	Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a
finding out if these things happened to him	presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service
without any cost out of pocket?	connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your
	claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service.
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15 designated conditions	
How were the conditions determined? My	VA:
husband was stationed at Lejeune on 2	The conditions were legislated and the presumptions determined by the Secretary VA. The
different dates. He has had several medical	presumptions and legislated conditions do not match.
issues, including a brain tumor? [15	
designated conditions]	

The listing for the 15 covered conditions and 8 presumptions are listed at: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp
VA:
There is not a known association between undiagnosed illness/Chronic Multi-symptom Illness. ATSDR: No, there is no known connection.

Can dependents apply on behalf of a parent?	VA:
	Veterans or their representatives are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel
	that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even
	without a presumption.
	Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a
	presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service
	connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your
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How were conditions determined? My	VA:
husband was stationed at Lejeune on 2	The listing for the 15 covered conditions were legislated and the 8 presumptions were
different dates. He has had several medical	determined by the Secretary VA. These are listed at:
issues, including a brain tumor.	https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp VA established a
	presumptive service connection for Veterans, Reservists, and National Guard members exposed
	to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune from August 1, 1953 through December 31,
	1987 who later developed one of the following eight diseases:
	•Adult leukemia / •Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes / •Bladder cancer /
	•Kidney cancer / •Liver cancer / •Multiple myeloma / •Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
	Parkinson's disease
	The 15 legislated covered conditions include: •Esophageal cancer / •Breast cancer / •Kidney
	cancer / •Multiple myeloma / •Renal toxicity / •Female infertility / •Scleroderma / •Non-
	Hodgkin's lymphoma / •Lung cancer / •Bladder cancer / •Leukemia / •Myelodysplastic
	syndromes / •Hepatic steatosis / •Miscarriage
	•Neurobehavioral effects Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they
	feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even
	without a presumption.
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Anyone remember which area the hospital was in?	ATSDR: The old hospital was located at mainside and received contaminated drinking water. The new hospital opened in 1983 and received mostly uncontaminated drinking water from the Holcomb Blvd treatment plant. Sporadically in 1983 and 1984, during dry periods, and for a two-week period in late January to early February 1985, the new hospital received contaminated water from Hadnot Point treatment plant.
Pat Hastings. I am the diagnosed Neurobehavioral Effect Marine. You said I could contact you by email but the closed captioning did not include your email or phone number. Could you send that to me?	VA: Please contact CDR Jamie Mutter (zwy4@cdc.gov) for contact information.
Would VA doctors or administrative staff be aware of what you are presenting? I ask so I'll know if I can ask them if something I am being seen for might relate?	<u>VA:</u> Environmental Exposures are not taught in medical, Physician's Assistant or Nurse Practitioner training, but each VA medical Center has an Environmental Health Clinician that can assist your provider with consultation.
I was with 2nd FSR from November 1972 through September 1974. Was I impacted by Tarawa Point, Holcomb, or Hadnot Point?	ATSDR: You were likely in barracks in the main portion of the base ("mainside"), so you would have received contaminated drinking water from the Hadnot Point treatment plant. Additionally, during training, you may have consumed drinking water from water buffaloes that were filled using Hadnot Point water, which would also would have been contaminated. If you visited family housing at Tarawa Terrace, then you would have consumed more contaminated drinking water if you drank or showered there.

We know from OSHA historical data ALL of these chemicals had MSDS DATABASES for nearly 40 to 50 years which required industries to supply employees with PPE to protect them from the deadly effects of these chemicals. These were known deadly effects of these chemicals long before Camp LeJeune was unmasked. If the Federal Government required all industries to provide PPE for protection of these chemicals under penalties of fines and shut downs, why are these chemicals not given the same serious consideration as they were for the last 40 to 50 years instead of ignoring all past historical data?	WA: Refer to DoD ATSDR: ATSDR takes very seriously the fact that chemicals were in the drinking water of the Hadnot Point system and the Tarawa Terrace system. The appropriate response to chemically contaminated drinking water is not to provide personal protective equipment (PPE), but to either shut down the contaminated supply wells or remediate the drinking water at the treatment plant (via filters or aeration, etc.). The heavily contaminated supply wells were eventually shut down by the USMC in December 1984 and February 1985.
Seems to me that even family members need to have residency eligibility, that there isn't any disability offered for my family members who may contract something genetically through me. Correct?	VA: There is no evidence of intergenerational effects currently.
Is ABC still in business and is there any liability that I can pursue?	VA: I do not know if ABC Dry Cleaners still exists as a company. That may be something to discuss with legal counsel.
Why is a national cancer registry not in place? Can ATSDR create one, since it is a national organization?	ATSDR: Creating a national cancer registry requires federal legislation. ATSDR does not have the capability to do so. However, should future federal legislation establish a national cancer registry, provide support, and enhance ATSDR capability, ATSDR can consider this.
Dr. Bove, please clarify the statement Benzene is not a risk factor for Breast Cancer. According to NCBI.nlm.gov in a study that was completed by Petralia et al there is an association between breast cancer and Benzene.	ATSDR: At present, the evidence that benzene can cause breast cancer is not sufficiently strong to meet the criterion of being "as likely as not" or "more likely than not." The Petralia study did find an association with benzene, but another Petralia study found only slight effects. Other studies that evaluated benzene and breast cancer had mixed results. We will continue to review new studies to see if the association between benzene and breast cancer becomes "as likely as not" or "more likely than not."

I medical discharge serve 16 yrs and 4 yrs in medical board I went to Gulf War 1990 and live MCAS New River, NC housing Terawa terrace 1986-1989. My name is SSgt Martin V Rodriguez. I apply at VA form 21-4138 for neurobehavior effect and hepatic stenosis I haven't got no help.	VA: Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health for direct service connection even without a presumption. • Conditions may still be reviewed based on direct service connection and do not require a presumption. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service. You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits. o https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or o https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/
Many Marines have stated they used or handled Agent Orange at Camp Lejeune. Is	<u>VA:</u> According to a recent Government Accountability Office directive for a DoD records review,
there any evidence of this and if not, who should they submit statement to for verification and proof that it was there?	Agent Orange was not used transported or stored on Camp Lejeune. A list of locations is at: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/index.asp
	ATSDR: This is a question for the USMC. ATSDR has no information indicating that Agent Orange was used or handled at the base.
Any information on Navy personnel assigned to the Naval Hospital?	ATSDR: Navy personnel assigned to the hospital are included in the ATSDR mortality and cancer incidence studies.

All or most of these chemicals have MSDS sheets that declare them to be detrimental to the CNS & PNS. Why are you only focused on the carcinogenic properties and not the Neurological properties?

VA:

Neurobehavioral effects may be caused by Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). Regarding Neurobehavioral Effects (other than Parkinson's disease); a consensus of acute effects exists, but evidence is limited for chronic conditions. Evidence may support persistent conditions that originated while in service at CL for persistent trigeminal nerve, vestibular, visual, auditory or cognitive effects. Symptoms would have started at the time of exposure and persisted, not developed well after exposure. The National Academy of Medicine noted deficits in visuomotor function, motor function, memory, and concentration that originated during service at CL and persist to the present for TCE and PCE.

ATSDR:

Neurological diseases such as Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, ALS, and Alzheimer's disease that resulted in death are included in the mortality studies. Other types of neurobehavioral effects that may be caused by these chemicals can be studied using neurobehavioral tests only. Studies using these tests are usually conducted on workers who are still employed at their workplace. It would not be feasible to conduct neurobehavioral tests in a study of retired service members or retired civilian workers; they would be scattered across the country. Conducting a survey to obtain information on neurobehavioral conditions is also not useful because participation rates would be very low, resulting in findings that would have little scientific credibility.

I believe in my case the time and address would put me under the FM category-Terrawa Terrace housing. My spouse (now ex) has address history in his military records but I cannot get copies because he is still alive. The address is not on mine. What recourse do I have?

VA:

Refer to DoD for assistance with housing records.

What is the easiest/fastest way to obtain my fathers duty record? I was born there in 1964 and my mother knows we were there for a length of time but unsure of the exact dates

VA:

You can do a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request to the USMC. or to the library of congress for your SRB. (service record book). There is a website for Vets as well. https://www.mcieast.marines.mil/Portals/33/Documents/Adjutant/FOIA/MCIEAST-MCB%20CAMLEJ%20FOIA%20Request%20Form%20Housing).pdf

Is New River Air Station included in the contaminated area?	VA: If you feel that an area you lived in falls within the boundary, I encourage all to apply and allow us to review your application. (for a family member or Vet) ATSDR: New River did not receive contaminated drinking water, but it is included for the VA programs for those exposed at Camp Lejeune. It is assumed that those stationed at New River occasionally visited the main part of the base ("mainside"), which did have contaminated drinking water.
WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL ON BASE 1968 TO SUMMER OF 1970 . WAS THIS SCHOOL IN CONTAMINATED AREA?	ATSDR: Yes.
Is the French Creek area covered? Is it considered part of Holcomb Blvd?	ATSDR: French Creek received contaminated drinking water from the Hadnot Point plant and is therefore covered.
Were vapor degreasers used at Camp Pendleton during the period in question?	VA: Refer to DoD ATSDR: This is a question for the USMC. ATSDR has no information indicating that vapor intrusion was a problem at Camp Pendleton.
Could you please provide us with the created forensic graphs of the percent of contamination by year from 1953 to 1987 by location? I was stationed at Camp LeJeune from 1977-1979 and one chemical was found to be at a concentration of 4000ppm during that time. Can you please provide us with this breakdown in graphic form?	ATSDR: Monthly estimates of the contamination levels in the drinking water are available on the ATSDR website. During 1977-1979, neither the drinking water nor the supply wells were sampled for chemical contamination. The concentrations during 1953-1979 had to be estimated using modeling methods. Modeling methods were also used to estimate concentrations in the drinking water after 1979. But from 1982 onward, sample data were available on the concentrations of the contaminants in the drinking water and/or supply wells, and modeling could take these data into account. TCE was the drinking water contaminant found at the highest levels at the base; the highest level observed when the drinking water was sampled in the distribution system was 1,400 ppb in 1982. Higher levels were found in a supply well, but this water was diluted by water from other supply wells at the Hadnot Point treatment plant before it was distributed to users.
Were any of the surrounding communities impacted by contaminated water?	ATDSR: No. Only the water from the Hadnot Point treatment plant (serving the main portion of the base) and the Tarawa Terrace treatment plant (serving the Tarawa Terrace family housing area) was contaminated.

Why isn't there a health registry yet?	VA: A self-reported registry has significant limitations for research. There are 4 registries maintained by DoD for housing, mailings and unit affiliation. ATSDR research has built a cohort for study of Camp Lejeune conditions.
Does the VA bill through ICD 10 codes?	VA: Most if not all medical payment claims are paid using ICD 10 coding.
Is there a way that the VA records can show that Veterans are on the CLWR/ATSDR so they might be more attentive towards specific issues?	VA: Veterans are able to inform their provider that they were stationed at Camp Lejeune. Conditions, whether or not they are related to Camp Lejeune water exposure, is the same. ATSDR: The USMC maintains a mailing list for notification purposes. ATSDR and the VA do not have access to this list.
@Pat – Can you add a link to the updated slide deck in reference to training or education of Healthcare Providers and the CL water issues? I see Dr.'s in the private sector and often they have no idea. I like to pass on a link for them to become more informed.	VA: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp

I previously indicated that my husband was stationed at Lejeune for 2 tours & has many health issues including a brain tumor which resulted in chemo & radiation. He filed for disability and received SSI for 6 mths. This was back in 2010-2011. He lost his Military benefits since he received SSI. He has not received benefits from SSI since 2011, but still has no military benefits so we have had to pay several co-pays. I do have great insurance which he is covered under, thank goodness. If not we would have had to put a lot of for money for medical bills because of his receiving SSI. He contacted SSI as well as Tricare and each one stated they could not do anything unless he got a letter from the other agency. Why after retiring from the Marines, with 24 years of service, is he having so much trouble getting his Military benefits back???

VA:

The Department of Defense and Social Security Administration will need to address your concerns about military retirement pay and SSA.

Please contact VA and file your claim for VA benefits by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service. You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits.

o https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or o https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/

Have 2 sons at Paradise Point living in base housing, one from birth to age 2 and the other, age 1 to 3. Both have health issues: Older son had kidney surgery at age 16 for a rare syndrome (Frayley's), along with neurological issues including ADHD/ADD with anxiety. The younger also neurological issues, colon polyp at age 2. additionally, the older son has had a son born with a very rare syndrome (Simpsons-Golabi), so we are now wondering about gene damage caused by his exposure at such a formative age. Also, as the mother, I have been diagnosed with C. What is the prospect of medical coverage being extended to family members for routine care/preventative care as currently being provided to the veteran? clarification: past tenselived at Paradise Point in the early 80"s	V4: Veterans and Family Members are able to apply for benefits. For information please call: Veterans: 877-222-8387 Family Members: 866-372-1144 https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov The listing of the 15 covered conditions and 8 presumptions are listed at: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp VA established a presumptive service connection for Veterans, Reservists, and National Guard members exposed to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune from August 1, 1953 through December 31, 1987 who later developed one of the following eight diseases: •Adult leukemia / •Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes / •Bladder cancer / •Kidney cancer / •Liver cancer / •Multiple myeloma / •Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma •Parkinson's disease The 15 legislated covered conditions include: •Esophageal cancer / •Breast cancer / •Kidney cancer / •Multiple myeloma / •Renal toxicity / •Female infertility / •Scleroderma / •Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma / •Lung cancer / •Bladder cancer / •Leukemia / •Myelodysplastic syndromes / •Hepatic steatosis / •Miscarriage •Neurobehavioral effects
I have had forms sent and just needed to know where to send them. I have release of info forms ready from physician's, I needed info on housing, that link you sent will help with that. Then away they go.	VA: Refer to DoD for housing information. Veteran: 877-222-8387 Family Member: 866-372-1144 https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov
Why does the VA pay for 2 years of care prior to registration but not veterans?	VA: Veterans stationed at Camp Lejeune are able to receive care at VA facilities. Family member costs, in the preceding 2 years, were legislated.
Also, wasn't it noted by one of the panelist that there was contaminants in the air?	ATSDR: Camp Johnson did not have contaminated drinking water. ATSDR is currently evaluating whether there was vapor intrusion with TCE and other contaminants within buildings on base. The outside air at Camp Johnson was not a problem, as far as we know.

Statements	
I was there from 1972 until 1973 Montford Point and Camp Geiger.	VA: Thank you for your service. To learn more about VA benefits and conditions related to the
	contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune, visit VA's website at: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp has information on presumptions related to Camp Lejeune. Veterans are able to submit a claim for any condition in which they feel that military service has negatively impacted their health. You can file your claim by completing VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for service connection due to a condition that developed during your military service. VA will consider your claim for service connection as directly related to treatment, disease or injury while in service. You may also file your claim electronically by using your va.gov email account and filing a claim for SC disability. You may also call 1-800-827-1000 to discuss your claim for benefits. o https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/learn/compensation or o https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/
My wife was born it the camp in 1955. She was there for 3 plus years and her father was stationed there three times. She and her family moved back and I believe she was there as a child for about six more years total of 9 years. She had an auto immune deficiency which she took steroids for from time to time. She had Hashimoto thyroid disease and asthma and she died from a brain tumor at the age of 62, I was married to her for 33 years. Her father was Bruce JoDell Gunnery Sargent did three tours in Vietnam.	VA: Veterans and Family Members are able to apply for benefits. For information please call: Veterans: 877-222-8387 Family Members: 866-372-1144 https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov The listing of the 15 covered conditions and 8 presumptions are listed at: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp VA established a presumptive service connection for Veterans, Reservists, and National Guard members exposed to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune from August 1, 1953 through December 31, 1987 who later developed one of the following eight diseases: •Adult leukemia / •Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes / •Bladder cancer / •Kidney cancer / •Liver cancer / •Multiple myeloma / •Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma •Parkinson's disease The 15 legislated covered conditions include: •Esophageal cancer / •Breast cancer / •Kidney cancer / •Multiple myeloma / •Renal toxicity / •Female infertility / •Scleroderma / •Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma / •Lung cancer / •Bladder cancer / •Leukemia / •Myelodysplastic syndromes / •Hepatic steatosis / •Miscarriage •Neurobehavioral effects

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	syndromes / •Hepatic steatosis / •Miscarriage
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We all know the govt always went with the lowest bidder. Camp Lejeune was a toxic place in general. Asbestos buildings, gun power fumes from all the guns, big and small, toxic gasoline, chemical agents, etc. Save your money on these studies and just treat all marines and families who were stationed there from the years that base was contaminated.

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