

If you have been diagnosed (now or in the past) with one of the conditions listed; or if you are the survivor of a veteran whose death may have been related to one of the disabilities; you may be entitled to monthly VA compensation, health care and other benefits.

Our staff of experienced and fully accredited County Veteran Service Officers (CVSOs) can help. A CVSO will assist by helping to determine eligibility for benefits, completing necessary forms, and acting as an advocate throughout the claims process.

As an office of Lake County government,

ALL OF OUR SERVICES ARE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE!



LAKE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Veterans Serving Veterans

Providing assistance to the men and women who have honorably served their Country.



A LAKE COUNTY AGENCY

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

DIRECTIONS TO THE OFFICE:

Rt.2 to Painesville/Fairport Hbr, Richmond St. exit. South on Richmond St. to Rt. 20, turn left (east) to St. Clair St., turn right. We are located on the corner of St. Clair and Main Streets in the Lake County Admin. Building, 2nd floor

APPOINTMENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

www.lakecountyohio.gov/veteran-services/

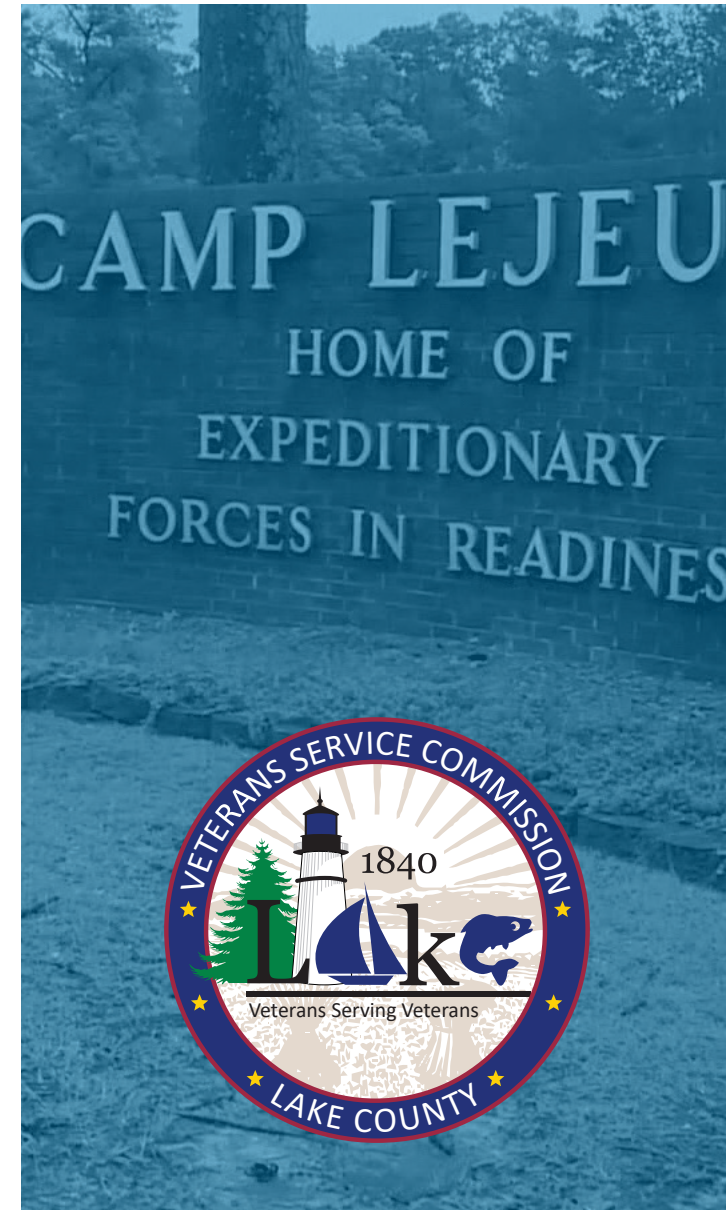
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Lake County Ohio Veterans Service Office

CAMP LEJEUNE WATER CONTAMINATION AND VA BENEFITS



CAMP LEJEUNE WATER CONTAMINATION

In the 1980s, contaminants were found in several wells that provided drinking water at Camp Lejeune, NC. The contaminants included the volatile organic compounds trichloroethylene (TCE), perchloroethylene (PCE), vinyl chloride, benzene, and other compounds. The primary sources of this contamination were on-base leaking storage tanks and industrial activities, and an off-base dry cleaner. It is estimated that the contaminants were in the water supply from the mid-1950s until February 1985.

VA DISABILITY COMPENSATION

The VA has established a presumption of service connection for 8 conditions associated with exposure to contaminants in the water supply. These conditions were determined after a review of scientific and medical literature on health effects related to the contaminants of concern at Camp Lejeune. The presumption applies to active duty, reserve, and National Guard members who served at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987, and who later developed one or more of the following 8 conditions:*

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

If a veteran is/has been diagnosed with one of these conditions, VA presumes that his/her Camp Lejeune service caused the condition, and disability compensation can be awarded.

*Other disabilities may also be considered for disability compensation but will require a medical opinion linking it to the water contamination at Camp Lejeune. See Service Officer for details.

HEALTH CARE FOR VETERANS

The Camp Lejeune Act of 2012 provides health care and health care funding assistance to veterans and family members who lived on Camp Lejeune, meet the time-on-station and service date requirements, and have one of the covered conditions.

Qualifying health conditions include:

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

Veterans eligible for health care under the Camp Lejeune Act of 2012 may enroll in VA health care and receive medical service for any of the 15 health conditions, and the eight presumptive disability conditions at no cost.

FAMILY MEMBER HEALTH CARE REIMBURSEMENT

Dependent family members of veterans who also resided at Camp Lejeune during the qualifying period are eligible for reimbursement of out-of-pocket medical expenses related to any of the 15 covered health conditions. VA can only pay for treatment costs that remain after payment from health plans for care up to two years prior to the date of application for benefits.

HEALTH CARE FOR VETERANS

- Camp Lejeune Military Reservation
- Camp Geiger
- Camp Johnson/Montford Point
- Holcomb Boulevard
- Marine Corps Air Station New River
- Tarawa Terrace
- Stone Bay Rifle Range
- Camp Lejeune Greater Sandy Run
- Onslow Beach
- Paradise Point
- Hadnot Point

CAMP LEJEUNE HISTORIC DRINKING WATER DATABASE

The Marine Corps maintains an information database for those who may have been exposed to contaminants in the drinking water between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987. To be added to the database, or for more information, please visit <http://www.marines.mil/clwater>. You can also contact the Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water Call Center at (877) 261-9782 or email clwater@usmc.mil.