Hello Chapters,

The National Service Office has seen a dramatic increase regarding incorrectly filed claims for family members of veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune and affected by the contaminated water. Below is the information for veterans' dependents who would like to submit a Camp LeJeune claim. These claims are not forwarded to the National Service Office as the only option is for the dependent to file through the below link OR call the toll free number.

Camp Lejeune Family Member Program

The Camp Lejeune *Family Member* Program is for *family members* of *Veterans* who were stationed at Camp Lejeune. If you are a *Veteran*, apply here <u>www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply</u> or call 1-877-222-8387 for help. Once on the main page – click "Family health benefits" along the left hand side and scroll to The Camp Lejeune Family Member Program.

From August 1, 1953, through December 31, 1987, people living at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, were potentially exposed to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene, and other chemicals. On August 6, 2012, the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012 was signed into law. This law (H.R. 1627, now Public Law 112-154) requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide health care to Veterans who served on active duty at Camp Lejeune and to reimburse eligible Camp Lejeune Family Members (CLFM) for eligible health care costs related to one or more of 15 specified illnesses or conditions illustrated in the list below.

- Bladder cancer
- Miscarriage
- Breast cancer
- Multiple myeloma
- Esophageal cancer
- Myelodysplastic syndromes

Non-Hodgkin's

• Neurobehavioral effects

- Female infertility
- Hepatic steatosis
- lymphoma
- Kidney cancerLeukemia

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- Leukemia Lung cancer
- Renal toxicityScleroderma

This website will assist CLFMs who want to apply for reimbursement of health care expenses related to one or more of the 15 conditions below. Please review the information on this page to assist you with applying for the Camp Lejeune Family Member Program (CLFMP). When you are ready, scroll to the bottom of this page and select "Start New Application for Family Member".

Please note: This program is <u>only</u> for family members of Veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune. If you are a Veteran, apply here <u>www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply</u> or call 1-877-222-8387 for help.

Respectfully,

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