

CAMP LEJEUNE FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM

Civilian family members of U.S. Marines and U.S. Sailors were poisoned and disabled or killed by Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, subjecting them to exposure to benzene, industrial solvents, and many other toxins between 1953 and 1987, at least.

Those civilian family members who were born on the base or lived on the base or came onto the base for amenities have earned the following and Congress will not be done legislating on this subject until all of the following are accomplished.

- I. **Health Care.** 100% health coverage, not restricted to any particular conditions. After forcible exposure and tort damage, this is the minimum benefit. This coverage will apply to any health condition and is valid anywhere around the world. This includes all medicines and home health care at prevailing USA rates. This should be administered by Medicare and claims must be accepted online and via email.
- II. **Pension.** Any civilian who can prove having been born at the base or present aboard Camp LeJeune at any time during 1953-1987 as a child or spouse of a veteran who served there

should have a pension paid monthly at the maximum level of Social Security Disability (SSDI), plus the same rights to family benefits as are available under SSDI. This pension must be available anywhere and is **individual in nature** rather than limited to the whole family. Both the poisoned spouse and the poisoned child of the Camp LeJeune veteran are eligible for separate pensions. This is in addition to any Camp LeJeune Justice Act damages and is meant to avoid poverty of the victims.

III. **Education.** At the completion of any degree, all federal student loans and private student loans will be paid off in full by the federal government for any civilian family member of a veteran who served at Camp LeJeune during 1953-1987. No monitoring period limiting income shall apply or tax. All educational institutions shall provide tuition, room & board, books, and any fees and costs without charge to the victims and shall be repaid by the U.S. Department of Education.

IV. **Housing.** Any civilian child or spouse of a Camp LeJeune veteran (1953-1987) shall have the right to **first preference in**

public housing with zero waiting period with all other priorities secondary by law. When such a poisoned individual asks to be put on a list, that person is automatically at the top of the list and will be the next person offered housing. Further, the Department of Agriculture shall automatically approve any application for housing loans from this group and there shall be a maximum of \$300,000 available to each poisoned individual, adjusted for inflation annually at the same level as the SSA COLA. For each payment made, an equal amount shall be forgiven with no tax.

- V. **Business Loans.** Any U.S. government agency such as the Veterans Administration or the Small Business Administration or the Department of Agriculture shall provide its business loans without credit checks or limitations based on income to children and spouses of Camp LeJeune veterans. Such loans are to be automatically approved. For each repayment amount paid, an equal amount shall be forgiven with no tax.

- VI. **Transportation.** Children and spouses of Camp LeJeune veterans shall have an allowance of \$500 per month for transportation, with no tax on this benefit. No geographic limitation shall be imposed and the benefit shall be at the federal level and maintained online.
- VII. **Food.** Children and spouses of Camp LeJeune veterans shall have SNAP benefits in the amount of \$500 per month, plus \$100 more for each other person in the same household. No geographic limitation shall be imposed and the benefit shall be at the federal level and maintained online.
- VIII. **Card.** All of the above benefits shall be available for applications on one federal website and one debit card shall be issued for all the cash benefits. The card shall be valid in any country as a Visa or Mastercard. SNAP benefits shall be issued to the SNAP card monthly and it shall function as a Visa or Mastercard debit card.
- IX. **Apology.** The United States shall issue an apology for poisoning the children and spouses of Camp LeJeune veterans.

- X. **Admission.** The United States shall admit for all purposes that it poisoned, disabled, and killed the children and spouses of Camp LeJeune veterans and no reservations or avoidances shall be stated.
- XI. **Recognition & Medal.** A new civilian medal shall be issued by Congress and it shall recognize the pain and suffering and disability and death of those civilians poisoned at Camp LeJeune. This 24k gold medal shall have the same status and honor as a **purple heart** in the military and shall be issued to those killed by the poisons as well as those who continue suffering. The medal shall have a gold and purple theme and shall consist of a cluster of 3 stars, representing the Camp LeJeune veteran, the spouse of such veteran, and the child of such veteran. This medal, like the Legion of Merit, shall be worn around the neck and a black ribbon shall be provided.
- XII. **Discrimination.** Any federal officer (including judges) under the legislative, executive, or judicial branch who takes any action that injures (physically or mentally or reputationally) one of the above civilians poisoned at Camp LeJeune shall

incur liability for the United States. Any such instance shall increase the amount of the pension as the proper damages and the government shall not defend against such damage claims or cause any additional inconvenience or delay. No state officer of any state legislature or executive branch officer or judicial branch officer shall cause *any* injury or retaliate against any discrimination claims or complaints. No state may defend against any such claims, which shall be considered and adjudicated by the Program and damages shall be paid into the pension program and awarded monthly with the pension for 60 months. Injury and damages shall be considered in their broadest possible sense. If discrimination is found in this administrative process, other relief may be available against the state or federal government.

XIII. Authorization. These programs are authorized under the Article I powers of Congress to regulate the military and foreign affairs.