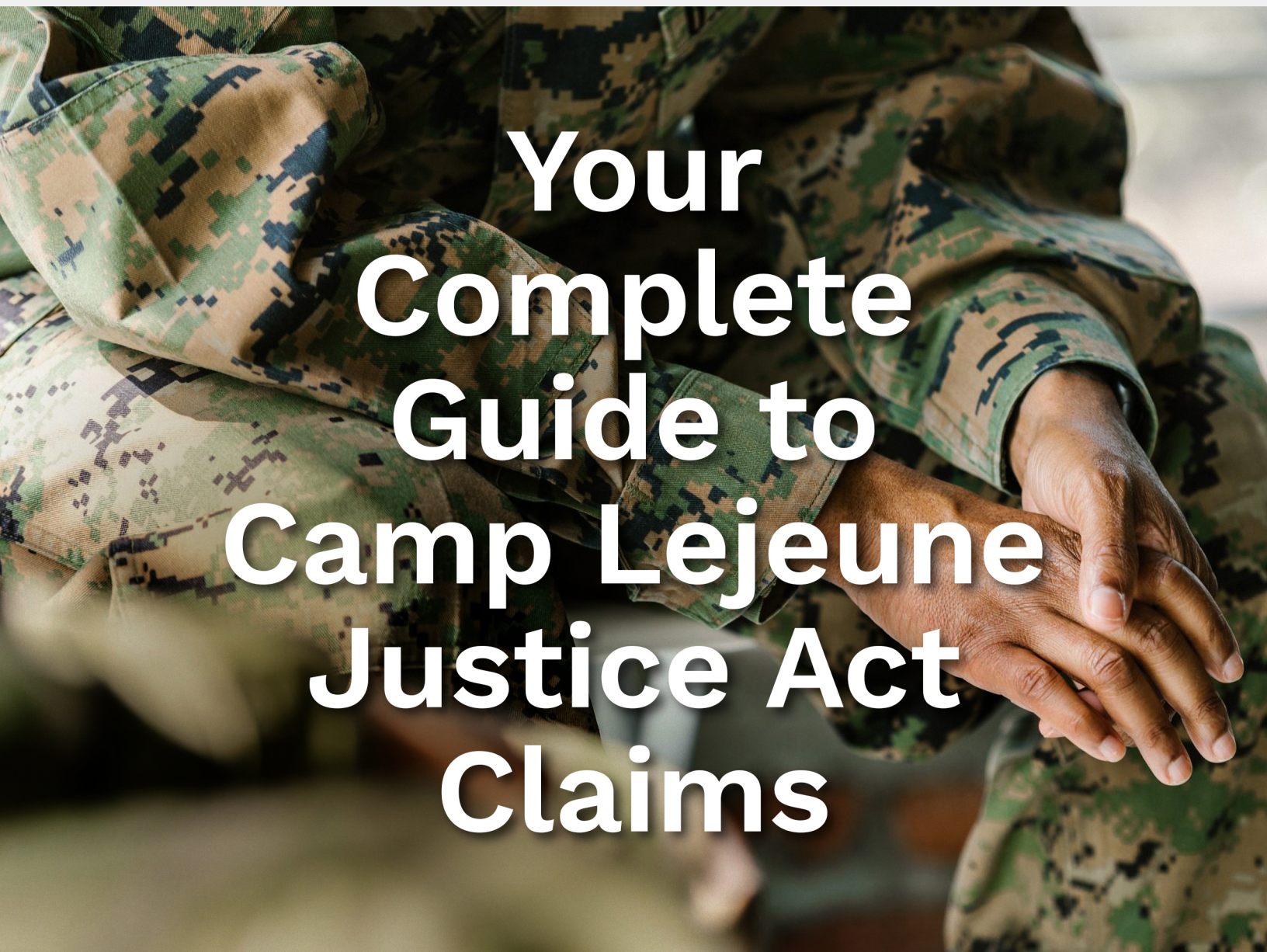




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A close-up photograph of a person wearing a military camouflage uniform. Their hands are clasped together in front of them, resting on their lap. The background is blurred, suggesting an indoor setting.

Your Complete Guide to Camp Lejeune Justice Act Claims

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Why Did People Get Sick at Camp Lejeune?

Camp Lejeune, located in North Carolina, is a U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp that for decades has been the home, training facility, and workplace to hundreds of thousands of marines, their families, and civilian employees.

Founded in 1941, like many other military bases of its time, environmental concerns were not given priority and many chemicals were disposed of carelessly.

A significantly higher than average cancer incidence among marines and their families stationed at Camp Lejeune led to a prolonged investigation of the camp's drinking water. This caused the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) to label Camp Lejeune as a "major polluter."

Eventually, it was concluded that two of the camp's eight wells were found to have high levels of harmful chemicals such as PCE (perchloroethylene)-a dry cleaning solvent, TCE (trichloroethylene)-a metal degreaser, benzene, and vinyl chloride.

Over the course of nearly four decades, these chemicals and other harmful toxicants seeped into the soil and contaminated the well water, putting those on base at risk for cancer, birth defects, Parkinson's Disease, and other serious illnesses.

Three different potential sources have been identified for the harmful and cancer-causing chemicals found in the camp's drinking water.

- **The first** was an off-base dry-cleaning facility located near the camp. The facility dumped chemicals unsafely, which then entered the groundwater.
- **The second likely source** were on-base units that cleaned military equipment.
- **The third major source** were verified fuel leaks from underground storage tanks.

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Between 1982 and 1985, several attempts were made to alert base officials of the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune, but no immediate action was taken and the wells were not shut down until February, 1985.

Some scientists have called what happened at Camp Lejeune the worst public drinking water contamination in our nation's history.

What is the Camp Lejeune Justice Act?

The Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 is part of the PACT ACT (Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics), a bill designed to finally compensate hundreds of thousands of veterans, their families, and other civilian workers who were made ill by the contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune.

In the past, those who were harmed could only look to the Veterans Administration (VA) for compensation. But unfortunately, many of those claims were denied.

Now for the first time, those affected by the toxic water at Camp Lejeune can file a claim against the federal government.

Q. Why is the U.S. government awarding compensation?

A: For years an obscure law in North Carolina made it impossible for victims to file a legal claim. The law only allowed lawsuits to be filed within a 10 year period from when the negligent party (In the case of Camp Lejeune, the military and the government) began their misconduct.

The water contamination began in 1953 but was not identified until over 30 years later. Add in the fact that many of the conditions suffered by those affected by the poisonous water did not show up until later in life. The wording of the North Carolina law made it too late for those victims to file a claim.

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The Camp Lejeune Justice Act overrides the North Carolina law and gives water contamination victims their chance to receive the compensation owed them by the government.

Who Can File a Camp Lejeune Justice Act Claim?

ANY person who lived or worked in Camp Lejeune for a combined total (does not have to be consecutive) of 30 days between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987, and is suffering from an illness associated with the toxic water may file a claim. This includes anyone whose mother was pregnant with them and lived/worked in Camp Lejeune, regardless of where you were born.

Q: I didn't live in Camp Lejeune or was only there for training. I wasn't an active-duty Marine. Do I have a claim?

A: It depends on the specifics of your circumstances, but we have proof that contaminated water could appear beyond previously conceded areas of exposure. We would need to discuss the specifics of your case.

Q: I was stationed somewhere else close to Camp Lejeune. Can I still file a claim?

A: Yes. MCAS New River, Camp Geiger, and other areas near Camp Lejeune may have the same exposures to substantiate a Camp Lejeune Justice Act claim.

Q: My parent/spouse/family member served at Camp Lejeune, but have since passed away. Can I still bring a claim?

A: Yes, you can pursue a wrongful death claim and we can assist you in setting up the necessary devices to pursue justice for your deceased loved one.

Q: I don't have an honorable discharge. Can I still file a Camp Lejeune Justice Act claim?

A: Yes. We will review the specifics of your discharge circumstances, but an honorable discharge is not a requirement to file a claim under the law.

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Q: Is there a time limit to file a claim?

A: Yes. You must file your initial claim prior to August 10, 2024. However, you don't want to wait that long. Here's why: The courts are going to be inundated with claims and they will be looked at first-come, first-serve. Tucker Disability Law can file a Camp Lejeune Justice Act claim on your behalf and get the process rolling NOW.

Q: Can I hire you to file a Camp Lejeune Justice Act claim and file my own claim too?

A: No. Under certain circumstances, clients who try to file their own claim after a retained-attorney has already filed a claim on their behalf may face punitive charges from the federal government.

Q: What if my Camp Lejeune Justice Act claim is denied?

A: Based on our 30+ years of experience fighting the VA, we suspect that many initial claims will be denied by the government. If this happens, our team can file a lawsuit on your behalf. We have a 98% win rate against the VA because we're familiar with how the system works.

Q: I don't have any records and I don't know where to begin. Can you help me?

A: Yes! Our decades of experience in VA law means that we know how to get all military and personnel records for any service member. We do it every day and we can do it for you too.

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What Conditions Qualify For a Camp Lejeune Justice Act Settlement?

The following conditions may qualify you for a settlement:

- Adult leukemia
- Aplastic anemia
- Myelodysplastic syndromes
- Bladder cancer
- Kidney cancer
- Multiple myeloma
- non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Parkinson's Disease
- Breast cancer (male and female)
- Esophageal cancer
- Female infertility
- Fatty liver disease
- Miscarriage
- Neurobehavioral effects
- Renal toxicity
- Scleroderma

Q: My condition isn't listed on any websites I see. Can you still help me?

A: Possibly. We have a bank of evidence for many conditions that are not listed on the VA or other websites that are linked to specific exposures present in Camp Lejeune's water. Call us today to review the specifics of your case.

Q: What if I have other possible causes for my condition?

A: Other possible causes don't disqualify you from filing a claim. You only need to prove your Camp Lejeune exposure was "as-likely-as-not" the cause.

Q: What does "as-likely-as-not" mean?

A: As-likely-as-not is the term used to explain the burden of evidence you must meet to win your claim. It means there is a 50/50 chance something caused a reaction.

For example, if Camp Lejeune exposures or post-military circumstances could have caused your illness, you win when either condition could equally be the case.

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Can I Get VA Benefits and File a Camp Lejeune Justice Act Claim too?

Absolutely! A Camp Lejeune Justice Act claim is different from a VA claim.

Filing for VA benefits will have no negative impact on the outcome of your Camp Lejeune Justice Act claim.

In fact, we will provide initial claim filing services for all Camp Lejeune Justice Act clients, FREE of charge, as a courtesy to our veterans.

Q: What if the VA denied my service-connection claim for a condition caused by Camp Lejeune?

A: Any decision the VA made will have no impact on your Camp Lejeune Justice Act claim. If the VA has denied your claim, we will be happy to look over your circumstances and if necessary, file an appeal on your behalf.

Q: I already receive VA benefits. Is the VA going to reduce them or take them away if I file a claim against the federal government?

A: No. As a veteran with a service-connected disability, you have specific rights to your rating. The VA cannot take away, reduce, or deny any ratings because you pursue your rights to file a Camp Lejeune Justice Act claim.

Q: What does the offset mean? Will I lose my monthly VA payments?

A: The offset applies to payments made from the VA for Camp Lejeune-related conditions and payments for medical care covered by the VA, Medicare, and Medicaid.

For example, if you have a 50% rating with the VA, but 10% is attributed to a condition caused by Camp Lejeune exposure, the law requires a reduction of your Camp Lejeune Justice Act award by the amount of VA compensation paid for the

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condition rated at 10% – not the full 50% amount. This reduction comes from your Camp Lejeune Justice Act award and would not impact your monthly VA compensation amount.

Additionally, any payments made by Medicare or Medicaid for care related to Camp Lejeune-caused conditions would also be reduced from your Camp Lejeune Justice Act award to pay back the government for money it has already paid you in compensation. **However, we may be able to reduce the impact of offset amounts to zero for you under certain circumstances.**

In regard to your monthly VA payments, you will not lose any monthly payments for filing a Camp Lejeune Justice Act claim.

Why Should I Choose Tucker Disability Law to File My Camp Lejeune Justice Act Claim?

For starters, we didn't jump onto the VA bandwagon in the past year like so many other firms out there. Tucker Disability Law has been fighting the VA for over 30 plus years and we're proud to have a 98% win rate, getting our clients the highest awards possible.

When it comes to Camp Lejeune, we know what we're doing.

Since the [Camp Lejeune Act of 2012](#) we have fought to hold the government accountable with more than ten years of experience litigating Camp Lejeune conditions. This puts us in a unique position to pursue justice through the Camp Lejeune Justice Act for veterans and their families.

In addition, **If we represent your Camp Lejeune Justice Act claim, we will also file ANY VA claims for you, related to Camp Lejeune or not. At NO cost to you.** This is something that the personal injury firms can't do.

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Q: What is the difference between a Camp Lejeune Justice Act claim award and receiving VA benefits for a Camp Lejeune condition?

A: A successful Camp Lejeune Justice Act claim will result in a lump sum payment from the federal government. VA benefits are usually life-long monthly payments and can possibly continue for the life of your spouse.

Q: How Much Will You Charge Me to File a Camp Lejeune Justice Act claim?

A: We charge you NOTHING to file your claim. You only pay us a fee if we are successful in getting you an award. Everyone's situation is different and we will be happy to discuss our fee arrangement with you.

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Any more questions? Our dedicated Camp Lejeune Justice Act team will be happy to answer them. Call now at [866-795-1415](tel:866-795-1415)



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