

## **What is the Camp LeJeune Justice Act of 2022**

**Just to give you heads up on the water issue. “As you know the only people who can file a lawsuit under this Act are those who live, worked, or were otherwise exposed, including while utero to contaminated water in Camp LeJeune for no less than 30 days from August 1, 1953 to December 31, 1987. Claimants must prove their exposure to contaminated water is at least as likely as not (50%) the cause of a medical condition or death occurring prior to August 10, 2022. The only place you can file is in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Any money awarded by the court will be offset from current or future compensation benefits from VA, Medicare, or Medicaid, granted in connection with health care or a disability relating to exposure to the water at Camp LeJeune. The offset will likely not include attorney’s fee. Therefore, if a claimant received \$100,000.00, with the assistance of a firm with a 50% contingency fee, \$100,000.00 would still be offset. All claimants have until August 10, 2024 or 180 days after the date on which the claim is denied under section 2675 of title 28, U.S. Code to file a claim. VA has not yet promulgated regulations that determined how the offset will be calculated. Therefore, VVA strongly urges all affected individuals to consult with accredited VSO before filling a claim. Always ask what the fee structure is before you sign on with an attorney or law firm.” The above is based on an article by Alec Ghezzi Director VVA Veterans Benefits.**

*Note: the above information is for educational purposes only and is NOT legal advice. Also you should consult with a licensed attorney before filing a lawsuit.*