



Camp LeJeune

From the 1950s through the 1980s, people living or working 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. Learn more about compensation and medical coverage at:

<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/>

Semper Fi: Always Faithful As a drill instructor he lived and breathed the “Corps” and was responsible for indoctrinating thousands of new recruits with its motto Semper Fidelis or “Always Faithful.” When Jerry’s nine-year old daughter Janey died of a rare type of leukemia, his world collapsed. As a grief-stricken father, he struggled for years to make sense of what happened. His search for answers led to the shocking discovery of a Marine Corps cover-up of one of the largest water contamination incidents in U.S. history.

Semper Fi: Always Faithful follows Jerry’s mission to expose the Marine Corps and force them to live up to their motto to the thousands of soldiers and their families exposed to toxic chemicals. *Semper Fi: Always Faithful* is available on iTunes and Amazon.

<http://www.semperfialwaysfaithful.com.>

Agent Orange

VA assumes that certain diseases can be related to a Veteran's qualifying military service. We call these "presumptive diseases." VA has recognized certain cancers and other health problems as presumptive diseases associated with exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides during military service. Veterans and their survivors may be eligible for benefits for these diseases. Currently, bladder cancer is not on the list of presumptive diseases. There is suggestive evidence as to whether bladder cancer is associated with Agent Orange, and more research is needed before bladder cancer can be definitively linked to Agent Orange. You can read more about the research that is being done at the links below.

<https://www.urotoday.com/conference-highlights/aua-2018/aua-2018-bladder-cancer/104247-aua-2018-the-impact-of-agent-orange-exposure-on-bladder-cancer.html>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28826703>

Veteran Administration's Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry

The VA's Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry allows eligible Veterans and service members to document their exposures and report health concerns through an online questionnaire.

Eligible Veterans and service members include those who served in:

- Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn
- Djibouti, Africa on or after September 11, 2001
- Operations Desert Shield or Desert Storm
- Southwest Asia theater of operations on or after August 2, 1990

For more information and related resources, see:

<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/registry.asp>

9/11: World Trade Center

The **James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act** provides health monitoring and financial aid to the first responders, volunteers, and survivors of the September 11 attacks. The law funds and establishes a health program to provide medical treatment for responders and survivors who experienced or may experience health complications related the 9/11 events. Bladder cancer is officially considered a WTC-related health condition.

For additional details about the Act, see:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2012-09-12/pdf/2012-22304.pdf>

World Trade Center Health Registry

The World Trade Center Health Registry is now the largest registry in U.S. history to track the health effects of a disaster.

Enrollment in the Registry was voluntary for people who lived, worked or went to school in the area of the WTC disaster, or were involved in rescue and recovery efforts. To enroll, people completed a confidential "Wave 1" health survey (PDF) in 2003 or 2004. Each enrollee answered a series of questions about where they were on 9/11, their experiences and their health. This initial data allowed health professionals to compare the health of those directly exposed to the WTC disaster to the health of the general population. No blood tests or medical exams were required to enroll.

The results of these surveys help determine to what extent physical and mental health conditions have persisted, and whether any new symptoms and conditions have emerged. Another important goal is to identify and help address gaps in physical and mental health treatment.

To learn more about the World Trade Center Health Registry see the following resources, which includes information on recent studies.

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/911health/about/wtc-health-registry.page>

