

Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water Project Locates Over 150,000 Former Residents And Marines

(NAPSA)—The Marine Corps continues to reach out to individuals who lived or worked on Camp Lejeune in 1987 or before. To date, the Corps has successfully registered more than 150,000 individuals through its call center and Web site.

Reaching Out

The registrant increase comes from extensive efforts by the Marine Corps to locate individuals beginning in September 2007. The Marine Corps collaborated with the Defense Manpower Data Center and Internal Revenue Service to have notification letters forwarded on its behalf. To further reach potential registrants, the Marine Corps continues to work with local and regional media, veterans facilities and military associations. The project maintains an official Web site and a fully staffed, toll-free call center that has received more than 50,000 calls.

Background

In the early 1980s, trichloroethylene (TCE), tetrachloroethylene (PCE), benzene and other unregulated volatile organic compounds were found in water systems serving the Tarawa Terrace and Hadnot Point housing areas. When it was determined that specific groundwater wells were impacted, they were taken out of service in 1984 and 1985.

Funding Research Initiatives

The Department of the Navy is collaborating with a public health agency, the Agency for Toxic Sub-



stances and Disease Registry, to project when the drinking water was first impacted, who may have consumed the impacted water and whether there is any association between exposure to the chemicals in the drinking water and certain adverse health conditions. The National Academies' National Research Council released a comprehensive review of evidence regarding potential associations between exposure to contaminated drinking water and adverse health effects. Individuals who register with the official Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water Registry receive the public summary of the NRC committee's report. The Marine Corps will continue to notify registrants of new research results as they become available.

Register Today

The Marine Corps remains committed to reaching individuals who lived or worked on Camp Lejeune to build a comprehensive registry to notify individuals of results from the research initiatives. If you or anyone you know lived or were stationed on Camp Lejeune in 1987 or before, please visit www.marines.mil/clwater or call (877) 261-9782.