

I too lived at Camp Lejeune from 1978 to 1982 at 2200 Tarawa Blvd. I recently was diagnosed with prostate cancer at age 48, no family history and the doctors even agreed that this was very rare. Fifty percent of my prostate was cancerous. I had a radical prostatectomy in February 2008. I am cancer free now and feel pretty good. I only recently found out about the water contamination in March 2008. I had the one son born there and a daughter later- they are both fine so far. It is amazing in talking to the lawyers how they only want to take on a sure case. My lawyer advised I send in the claim packet and information, but he said that they were really only looking at birth or pregnant diseases/deformities. Wow how amazing that they do not think that over a period of years that these microscopic chemicals could not find their way to some part of our body and create cancer years later. As my doctor wrote in his letter to the Navy that prostate cancer is slow growing and is rarely deadly, unless it gets in your bones/marrow. Wow, am I lucky. I am currently like many others waiting on word from the Navy/Marine Corps on the outcome of all this survey/litigation. I am not holding my breath on any of this, I just thank God that I later retired from the Missouri Army National Guard full time and had Tri Care and now Missouri State Health insurance or I would have been in trouble with all the medical bills. My thoughts and prayers are with all those who do not even know about this and are now or have been stricken with cancer or some other disease caused by TCE/PCE or all the other chemicals we were exposed to.

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