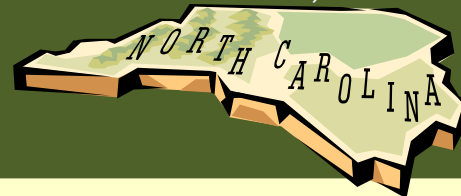


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July CAP Meeting

By Mike Partain

On Wednesday July 16th the ATSDR held its quarterly CAP meeting at the CDC in Atlanta. The Community Assistance Panel is comprised of members of the affected community, scientist and a representative from the Department of the Navy. Our purpose is to assist ATSDR as an advisory panel on the feasibility of further health studies at Camp Lejeune and to assist ATSDR with obtaining and verifying sources of information and data for current studies. Our interaction and involvement with ATSDR is crucial and helps to provide a degree of transparency and community involvement in the Camp Lejeune health studies.

There were several legal representatives from the Marine Corps present at the meeting as well as a representative from the Installation Restoration Program. The meeting kicked off with a discussion concerning the Hadnot point water modeling project. Morris Maslia from ATSDR

IRIS Hearing

By Jerry Ensminger

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is tasked with studying and creating initial risk assessments on all chemicals that are created/used in this country or could be imported into this country from around the world. Once this initial assessment is completed, the chemicals are added to a quick reference (unenforceable) data base for everyone to use, that data base is what we know as IRIS. If a chemical is suspected of being harmful to human health or the environment by that initial assessment, the EPA is

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briefed the CAP on the progress of the Hadnot Point Water model. There was discussion concerning water transfers between Hadnot Point and Holcomb Blvd WTPs. We requested that Morris follow up with some recently discovered resources that indicate Hadnot Point water was regularly transferred to Holcomb Blvd especially in the summer months. This point is significant because this transferred water was highly contaminated with VOCs and represents a previously undisclosed population that was exposed to the toxic water at Camp Lejeune. It was previously thought that residents in the areas served by Holcomb Blvd were
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tasked with executing in depth studies to determine exactly how harmful these chemicals are and what restrictions/limits should be placed upon them. These studies could (and do) take many years to complete, all the while, we are unprotected from the affects. (Note: The European Union has adopted a pro-active/pre-emptive protective standard for their citizens/environment. If they suspect a chemical to be harmful to humans or the environment, it is banned until it can be proven that it is not. This is the complete opposite
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How To Get Involved

By Andrea Byron

Many who have been exposed to the toxic water at Lejeune are more than willing to help the cause, but aren't quite sure where to start. In each issue I plan to give you ideas of how you can help everyone and, in turn, help yourselves.

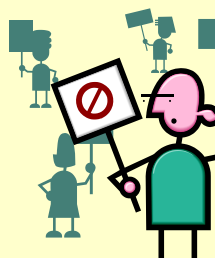
The first step is to educate yourself by learning and retaining as much information about the contamination. When someone asks you a question, you will want to be able to give them the correct answer without hesitation.

On our website we have a number of tools that can help you understand what has happened. As many of you have noticed, a lot of changes have occurred to the website in the past year. We have started a historical documents library, a map project, photo gallery, an illness registry and our own TFTPTF Lejeune timeline.

The documents library consists of the documents currently in our possession pertaining to Lejeune. The library is still in process as there are thousands of documents, but there is already a great deal of information to be found in the library.

The map project, photo gallery and illness registry are our "visual aides" so to speak and each one of you is invited and encouraged to participate in

*"Success is the sum of small efforts,
repeated day in and day out."
- Author Robert Collier*



There are many ways you can get involved to further our cause!

each of these projects.

Mike Partain has recently completed Part 1 of the complete and accurate Lejeune timeline from 1952-1989. I encourage each of you to read it. You can refer to the historical documents referenced in the timeline by going to our Historical Documents library.

We also have a section on the website dedicated to the chemicals and their health effects.

The saying "Knowledge is Power" is entirely true. Become a powerful force by learning about the contamination and spreading the word in an intelligent manner.

As always, if you have an idea or suggestion for a project on the website, or you want to know how you can help, send us an email and we'll do our best to make it happen!

Comments? Questions?
Ideas? Suggestions? Stories?
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CAP Meeting continued

WTP were only exposed before 1972 and once in January 1985 after a fuel spill occurred at the plant and forced the plant to close for 9 days.

Jerry raised the issue of who is signing the notification letters from HQMC. The CAP requested the representatives of the Marine Corps to follow up with the Commandant and that his signature appear on the letters currently going out to the former residents of Tarawa Terrace. We feel that the Commandant's signature will emphasize the urgency of the notification and ultimately result in a greater number of participants in the upcoming health survey. The representatives from the Marine Corps stated that highest ranking officer possible will sign the letters. Needless to say, we were disappointed with their response. Jerry intends to follow up his request in written letter to the Commandant.

The second half of the meeting centered on the upcoming health survey for former service members at the base between 1975 & 1985. Dr. Bove made a

Chemical Spotlight: TCE

By Andrea Byron

Trichloroethylene, or TCE, is primarily used as a metal degreaser for heavy machinery but is also used in paint and spot removers. Individuals can be exposed to TCE by consuming, contacting and breathing it in.

According to the Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry (ATSDR), TCE can cause a variety of ailments including, but not limited to:

- Nausea
- Unconsciousness
- Impaired heart function

request for us to help identify other health issues not previously discussed or studied. ATSDR is currently accepting input from the affected community until August 8th. Please see the announcement on our bulletin board on how you can participate. Some of the health issues we raised were thyroid disease, male/female reproductive problems, and issues with teeth. This database will serve as the basis for future health studies for Camp Lejeune. Presently the Marine Corps does not capture what is wrong with the people who register. They are only recording their names and contact information for ATSDR. However, please understand that registration with the Marine Corps for each family member in your household is paramount.

The CAP will meet again at the end of November or the beginning of December. As always, the meeting is open to the public provided that you register in advance with ATSDR. There is also a simulcast of the meeting available over the internet. Transcripts and video of the meeting will be released in the next few months.

- Skin Rashes
- Liver and kidney damage
- Impaired immune system function
- Impaired fetal development
- Death

Trichloroethylene is thought to be "probably" or "reasonably anticipated" to be carcinogenic, or cancerous, to humans.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set a maximum contaminant level for TCE in drinking water at 0.005 mg/L or 5 ppb.

IRIS Hearing continued

of the current US policy, we allow the chemical to stay on the market until it is proven to be harmful, then it is banned/restricted!).

Not only is our protection policy "ass backwards", the Bush administration has allowed special interest groups (industry, DoD, DoE, NASA, etc.) to become directly involved in the scientific process during the IRIS evaluation. The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has not only given these special interests a seat at the scientific table, they are allowing these special interests to conduct their own (skewed) risk assessments which are being utilized in deciding the fate of these chemicals. I will give you one guess as to whose evaluation determines the fate of certain chemicals under the current system/regime. I will give you a clue, it isn't the one done by the scientists at our EPA! This interference is resulting in many chemicals never being evaluated beyond the IRIS phase, mission accomplished for the special interests!

The hearing that I testified at last month was just one in a series of hearings being held by the House Science and Technology committee to hopefully rectify this problem once we have a new administration in the White House. They asked me to testify about my own personal tragedy that is directly related to chemical exposure and put a "human face" on this problem. All we can hope for now is that the American people will elect a

"All we can hope for now is that the American people will elect a government this fall that is truly concerned about the health and well being of our citizens...."

government this fall that is truly concerned about the health and well being of our citizens and our environment instead of just the almighty "buck!"

Marine Corps League Speech

By Mike Partain

Last Month I had the pleasure to speak before 150 Marines of the Marine Corps League here in Florida. The gathering was a state wide meeting for the Florida Department of the Marine Corps League. Commandant Richard Booth was gracious enough to allow me 10 minutes before these fine Marines to tell my story about Camp Lejeune. I began with a simple question "how many of you were stationed at Camp Lejeune between 1950 and 1987?" Most of the room raised their hands. I followed up by asking "how many knew of the water contamination aboard the base?" About 40 or so raised their hands. I then asked how many had been notified by the Marine Corps of their exposure. About 10 raised their hands. I was taken aback at the result.

As I read my story of what had happened to me and my family, an intense silence overtook the audience. There were a few gasps and groans as I relayed the details of my diagnosis and the failure of the Marine Corps to notify my family. They were all shocked at the scope and breath of the contamination event. After I spoke, I retired to the rear of the room and was immediately surrounded by a group of Marines during a recess. They all wanted to know where they could find out more details on what happened. Those who already knew of the contamination expressed their frustrations on the lack of any real information from the Marine Corps. Some wanted to know if the water was the reason why they had cancer or were sick. It was an honor to be able to speak to these people and help answer their questions.

Attorney List

By Andrea Byron

The following attorneys have expressed interest in Lejeune claims. Please know that in providing this information, I have not necessarily had personal contact with these firms/attorneys. I cannot comment on their reputations or what they are looking for in Lejeune claims. These are firms that I have been informed of by others who are interested in Lejeune claims, or that have advertised as such.

Any questions in regards to any of the below-referenced attorneys and/or firms should be directed to that respective attorney and/or firm.

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If you are aware of attorneys and/or law firms who may be interested in reviewing Lejeune claims that are not listed, please let me know by e-mailing Andrea.Byron@tftptf.com and I will be sure to add them to the next newsletter. You can also always find this information on the TFTPTF Discussion Board.

*** Handling some VA & SSA claims in the Lejeune cases.*



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Andrea has served as TFTPTF's Website Administrator since its inception in 2003. Andrea was born at Camp Lejeune in 1982 and has been fighting this for more than 8 years.

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Jeff served in the U.S.M.C in the early 1980s and lived aboard Camp Lejeune with his family. Jeff has been actively speaking out about the Lejeune contamination since 2000. Jeff also serves on the Lejeune CAP Panel.

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Mary lived aboard Lejeune with her family in the early 1980s and has had an active role in speaking out since 2000. Mary frequently attends Lejeune meetings & assists in preparation of speeches as well as helping with the website.

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Jerry served in the U.S.M.C. for 24 & ½ years with much of his time spent at Camp Lejeune. He has been an outspoken source of information on Lejeune & has been involved for 11 years. Jerry also serves on the Lejeune CAP Panel.

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Mike was born at Lejeune in the late 1960s and is a recent male breast cancer survivor. He became aware of the Camp Lejeune issue only after seeing a report on the Congressional hearings last year. Mike joined the CAP after completing chemotherapy in December 2007 and has become an active member in our fight.

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