

**NINETY-NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
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THE AMERICAN LEGION
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**Resolution No. 58: Expansion of Presumptive Conditions Associated with Camp Lejeune
Contaminated Drinking Water**

Origin: New York

Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

WHEREAS, Military personnel and their families were exposed to contaminated water supply at Camp Lejeune, N.C. from August 1, 1953 to December 31, 1987; and

WHEREAS, The Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012 established fifteen different conditions where the exposed military personnel and their families were eligible to seek treatment at Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health facilities at no cost; and

WHEREAS, The conditions identified for cost-free health care were listed as: esophageal cancer, lung cancer, breast cancer, bladder cancer, kidney cancer, leukemia, multiple myeloma, myelodysplastic syndromes, renal toxicity, hepatic steatosis, female infertility, miscarriage, scleroderma, neurobehavioral effects, and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; and

WHEREAS, The secretary of the VA established the presumptive list for service connection for diseases associated with said water supply exposure as of January 2017 included only eight conditions to include; adult leukemia, aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes, bladder cancer, kidney cancer, liver cancer, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, The secretary will continue to review relevant information to support the creation of additional presumptive conditions, as it become available; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 900,000 servicemembers were potentially exposed to the tainted water; now, therefore, it be

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Reno, Nevada, August 22, 23, 24, 2017, That the secretary consider expanding the presumptive list to include all conditions set in the 2012 act for health care that were not previously included.