August 9, 2012

Camp Lejeune Family,

Thank you for writing me and sharing your concerns regarding the happenings at Camp Lejeune. You are not alone as I too have come to share these very same concerns and your activism has inspired me to work with Jerry Ensminger and Mike Partain in efforts to pass what has become known as the Janey Ensminger Act. Jerry is a CAP Member and the Co-founder of the site “The Few, The Proud, The Forgotten” (http://www.tftptf.com/5801.html) and Mike Partain helps with the site also as Lead Community Member and CAP Member.

They, along with the Environmental Working Group (http://www.ewg.org/release/camp-lejeune-bill-spotlights-importance-environmental-health), have been of tremendous help in the passing of the bill named in honor of Jerry’s daughter, Janey Ensminger. This bill will provide health care to veterans and their families who were exposed to contaminated water at the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. At least some of the burden of those who have suffered as a result of this contamination will now be lifted and those responsible will be held accountable. Though not without great cost, including the life of young Janey Ensminger, and through the support of all those involved, the issue of contamination at Camp Lejeune has been brought to light and the Janey Ensminger Act has been passed by both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

You can read about the bill in further detail in the ABC News article posted on their website at http://abcnews.go.com/Health/house-approves-bill-sick-families-nc-military-base/story?id=16905789#.UBxDP6CqZIE. The success of the Janey Ensminger Act attests to the power of individual people such as you to cause lasting and meaningful change in the world.

President Obama signed the Bill this Monday allowing the work on the healing to begin. Please be on watch to receive the benefits for which you are now entitled. http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/energy-environment/obama-signs-bill-for-camp-lejeune-water-victims/2012/08/06/1234567890_1234567890_story.html

Sincerely,

Erin Brockovich