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SOAA Endorses the *Ensuring Justice for Camp Lejeune Victims Act* to Deliver Justice That Veterans and Families Deserve

H.R. 4145 is the companion bill to the Senate bill introduced in March

Washington, DC - The Special Operations Association of America is proud to support the *Ensuring Justice for Camp Lejeune Victims Act* introduced by Representative Greg Murphy, MD (R-NC-3), alongside Representatives Deborah Ross (D-NC-2), Richard Hudson (R-NC-9), Don Davis (D-NC-1), and Brad Knott (R-NC-13). SOAA previously announced support for the Senate bill of the same name introduced by Senators Thom Tillis (R-NC) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) in March.

The *Ensuring Justice for Camp Lejeune's Victims Act* makes much-needed fixes to the previously passed 2022 *Camp Lejeune Justice Act*. That bill, while well-intentioned, has not been implemented as intended and has failed to deliver the justice that our veterans and their families deserve for illnesses and injuries related to contaminated water exposure at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

This critical legislation confirms applicants' right to a jury trial and takes needed steps to relieve the logjam of cases filed by veterans and their families who were exposed to harmful chemicals in the water between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987. These chemicals, at levels 240 to 3,400 times above safety standards, have been shown to cause increased health condition risks from exposure, like rare cancers, Parkinson's disease, adverse birth outcomes in the children of those impacted, and more.

Representing not only our members but all the veterans who are fighting for answers from toxic water exposure at Camp Lejeune, the Special Operations Association of America endorses the *Ensuring Justice for Camp Lejeune Victims Act*.

We strongly urge Congress to pass this important legislation without any further delay and call on our SOAA community to contact their members of Congress in support of this bill. Too many of those exposed are terminally ill, and many have died while waiting for justice. Our veterans are out of time. Congress must deliver justice now.

About the Special Operations Association of America

The Special Operations Association of America (SOAA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for the needs and interests of America's Special Operations Forces. SOAA works to provide support, resources, and a voice for those who have served in the most demanding and dangerous missions around the world.

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