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Greetings Chili Fans,

On Saturday, November 28, 2009, the members of Colonel B.J. Smith VFW Post 9892 will be gathering at the Bali Hai Beach Resort, in Bauang, La Union for our 18th Annual “Chili Cook off.” Our theme this year is recognizing the U.S. Marines, and all participants will be competing to see who can make the very best “Devil Dog Chili.” All chili aficionados are invited to join us for a day of fun in the sun.

The festivities start at 8:30 a.m., when the chili cookers crank up their fires. It won't take long before the aromas alone make you happy you came. The specific objective of course is to determine which team cooks the best pot of chili, judged solely on quality.

For planning purposes early entries are encouraged. Get your team info and fee to us by the end of October to insure proper shirt sizes on the day of the cook off. That being said, entries will be accepted up until the Team Captain's Meeting at noon on Friday Nov. 27, 2009 at the Bali Hai.

NOTE: NO BEVERAGES OR FOOD (except chili ingredients) MAY BE BROUGHT ON PREMISES. YOU WILL FIND FOOD & BEVERAGE PRICES ARE VERY REASONABLE. All proceeds gained from food and beverage sales go towards our Community Projects support of Bauang, and its residents. Help us as we help them.

We are looking forward to seeing you, and your families, again this year so plan on joining us for a day of enjoyment on the beach.

Sincerely yours,

Frank B. Hilliard IV
Commander

CHILI COOK OFF ENTRY FORM

Please return this form as soon as practical. You may include your entry fee of P2,500.00, however, it is not required, but must be paid no later than the team captains meeting on Nov. 27. If late entry is anticipated, please let us know via methods provided on the cover page as this information is important to our planning.

1. Team Name:
2. Location:
3. Team Captain:
4. Shirt sizes: (numerical if able)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

You may mail your entry form and fee P2,500.00 (registered mail if including your entry fee, and using local postal system) to the:

Commander, VFW Post 9892,
ATTN: Chili Cook off Chairman
P.O. Box 114,
San Fernando City, La Union 2500,
Philippines

Art Gaspard
Chili Cook off Chairman
PSC 517, Box RS LU
FPO AP 96517-1000

or to:

Bali Hai Beach Resort,
ATTN: Mr. Mike Besanko
Paringao, Bauang, La Union 2501,
Philippines

For lodging assistance call Bali Hai Tel: (072) 705-0870, 0873, 0875 or 0877, FAX: (072) 705-0876, or E-mail: BaliHai@BaliHai.com.ph.

For other matters contact VFW Post 9892; Tel: (072) 607-6660, or E-mail: vfw9892@yahoo.com.ph.

Other Information **Meeting**

There will be a team captain's meeting Friday, November 27, 2009, at twelve noon at Bali Hai. Topics for discussion:

1. Accept late entries
2. Review Rules
3. Assign cooking locations
4. Provide team shirts
5. Answer questions

THEME

The theme of our 18th continuous, annual Chili Cook off is: “**DEVIL DOG CHILP**” and the mascot is the “**Marine Corps Bulldog.**”

MISS CHILI PEPPER

To help fill the time between cook fires off and chili judge's results, there will be a swim suit contest. Contestants will be judged solely on their appearance. There is no additional fee for entry into this contest.

JUDGING

All judging will be strictly on merit. (Judging criteria aroma, taste etc.) The mere appearance of favoritism on the part of a judge will result in his dismissal.

Chili Judges must: 1) Be chili fans 2) Be neutral on beans in chili 3) Sober

Miss Chili Pepper Judges must: 1) Pay P500 for their choice seats. 2) Not be a member of a team, or organization which has a contestant entered. 3) Sober

***** Official Rules *****
Eighteenth Annual Chili Cook-Off
Col BJ Smith VFW Post 9892
Based on International Chili Society Rules

1. Teams: Individuals, Organizations or Families.
2. Name: Each team and their Chili recipe should have a name.
3. Chili Team Captain: Must be an adult. Team Captains and crew will be provided up to five (5) commemorative shirts.
4. Equipment: VFW Post 9892, and/or, Bali-Hai will provide each team with a booth, table and work area. Teams are responsible for their own chili ingredients, cooking utensils, stove and gas or grill/hibachi and charcoal. While no electrical appliances are allowed, pressure cookers are permitted.
5. Cooking Time: Shall be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Samples of Chili **MUST** be ready for judging at 12:30 PM. Approximately 12 ounces shall be presented for judging in a container to be provided. Teams must cook at least one gallon of chili.
6. Preparation: Chili must be cooked on premises between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on day of Chili Cook-Off. Advance preparations: e.g., pre-soaking beans, chopping ingredients and starting charcoal are permitted. Cooking booths will be assigned the day prior and decorating may commence at that time.
7. Judging: Judging will be based on merit. Decisions of the judges will be final.

NOTE: If it is necessary to re-heat your chili, you will be instructed by one of the Marshals.

8. Clean up: Each team shall be responsible for the cleaning up of assigned area and return the same to original condition.
9. Awards: Best Chili Trophy and 1st & 2nd Runner-up plaques. Commander's Award (plaque) for combination of best booth decoration and team attire. Ms. Chili Pepper- Cash award and plaque.
9. Entry Fee: There will be an entry fee of 2,500.00 pesos, which must be paid no later than the team captains meeting the day prior to the Chili Cook-Off.

NOTE: Offenders of these rules may be disqualified. Please observe rules.