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Greetings Chili Fans,

On Saturday, November 27, 2010, the members of Colonel B.J. Smith VFW Post 9892 will be gathering at the continually improving Bali Hai Beach Resort, in Bauang, La Union for our 19th Annual "Chili Cook Off." Our theme this year will be "Expat Chili." This is truly fitting, as our history has proven to us that "Expats" from wherever, always show up and compete in this exciting event. All Chili aficionados are invited to join us for a day of fun in the sun.

The festivities will start at 8:30 a.m., when the Chili cooks crank up their fires, and commence their individual efforts to show all and sundry just what is simply the best Chili. 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. An exquisitely carved wooden trophy goes to the winner, with plaques for the next two places. There is also a "Commander's Plaque" awarded to the best decorated cooking booth, and team attire, as judged solely by the Post Commander.

We also attempt to fill the time between the actual cooking, and the completion of the judging by conducting a "Miss Chili Pepper" bikini contest. This is a favorite of all the admirers of the female form, and the young ladies are only required to wear street wear, and participate in a bikini contest. They are judged solely on their appearance. Cash prizes are awarded, as well as a Plaque for the Winner. There is no additional fee for entry into this contest.

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 the preceding Friday, Nov. 26, 2010 at the VFW Post 9892 Canteen.

NOTE: No beverages or food (expect Chili ingredients) may be brought on the premises. You will find food and 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. Plan on joining us for a day of enjoyment on the beach, you'll be glad you did, I promise!

Sincerely yours,

Frank B. Hilliard IV
Commander

Chili Cook Off Entry Form

Please return this form as soon as practicable. You may include your entry fee of P2,500.00, however, it is not required, but must be paid no later than the team captain's meeting on Nov. 26, 2010. If late entry is anticipated, please let us know via methods provided below. This is very important for our planning.

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

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

Submission and Contact Data

You may mail your entry form and fee P2,500.00 (registered mail if using the 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 Beach Resort: Tel: (072) 705-0870, 0873, 0875 or 0877; FAX: (072) 705-0876, or Email: balihai@balihai.com.ph

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

Other Information

Team Captain's Meeting

There will be a Team Captain's Meeting on Friday, Nov. 26, 2010, at twelve noon at the VFW Post 9892 Canteen. Topics for discussion:

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

Theme

The theme for this year's 19th Annual Chili Cook Off is "Expat Chili." Our mascot will be the dancing Chili peppers shown on the invitation letter.

Miss Chili Pepper Contest

To help fill the time between cook fires off and the Chili judges completion, there will be a bikini 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, texture, color, taste, etc.) The mere appearance of favoritism on the part of a judge will result in his, or her, dismissal.

Chili Judges must:

1. Be Chili aficionados.
2. Be neutral on beans in Chili.
3. Be Sober.

Miss Chili Pepper Judges must:

1. Pay P500.00 for their choice seats.
2. Not be a member of a team, or organization which has a contestant entered.
3. Be Sober.

Official Rules
19th Annual Chili Cook Off
Col. B.J. 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 Chili Cook Off T-Shirts.**

4. **Equipment: VFW Post 9892, and/or, Bali Hai Beach Resort, will provide each team with a booth, table, and work area. Teams are responsible for their own 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 p.m. 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 the premises between 8:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m., on the day of the Chili Cook Off. Advance preparations: Pre-soaking of beans, chopping of 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.**

8. **Clean Up: Each team shall be responsible for the cleaning up of assigned area and returning it to the original condition it was found in.**

9. **Awards:**
 - A. **Best Chili Trophy, and Second and Third place Runner-Up Plaques.**
 - B. **Commander's Plaque for combination of best booth decoration and team attire.**
 - C. **Miss Chili Pepper, cash awards and a Plaque for the overall winner.**

10. **Entry Fee: There is an entry fee of P2,500.00 pesos, which must be paid no later than the Team Captain's Meeting the day prior to the Chili Cook Off.**

NOTE: OFFENDERS OF THESE RULES MAY BE DISQUALIFIED. PLEASE OBSERVE RULES.