

PEPPER PASTA SALAD with Chicken (*optional*)

Ingredients:

- 1 box of *Suddenly Pasta* Pasta Salad Traditional Flavor or substitute 1 bag rotini pasta
- 1 bag of multi-color rotini pasta

- 2 Yellow bell peppers sliced
- 2 Red bell peppers sliced
- 1 cup *Vlasic* Hot Banana Pepper Slices
- 2 Jars marinated artichoke hearts, sliced
- 20 Cherry tomatoes sliced
- Black and green Olives Chopped (optional)
- 3 Marinated grilled chicken breasts, cut into chunks (optional)

- 2 cups shredded pizza cheese (cheddar & mozzarella)
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded 3 cheese *Kraft Topping* (Asiago, Parmesan...and some other cheese - it's right next to the grated parmesan at the commissary)

- 1 or 2 packets of *Good Seasons* Zesty Italian Dressing Mix, vegetable oil, vinegar and water (as directed for dressing recipe).
- 2 Tbsp dill weed spice
- 1 Tbsp celery salt or *Spice Islands* Beau Monde Seasoning
- 1 Tbsp ground pepper

Directions:

1. Mix all the dressing ingredients together, including the seasoning packet from the pasta mix. Add dill weed, celery salt and pepper and blend in a blender for 60 seconds. Blending the dressing will keep it from separating.
2. Boil pasta as per directions on packages. Drain in a strainer and rinse with cool water. Shake off excess water and immediately mix dressing into the pasta.
3. Grill marinated chicken, cool, and cut into chunks (marinate chicken overnight in Italian dressing with lemon juice and pepper). Add to pasta.
4. Cut peppers, artichokes, tomatoes, and olives into slices or chunks and add to pasta.
5. Add all cheeses and mix through pasta thoroughly. Add more dressing as necessary. Chill and serve!