**“Dad’s My Hero!”**

**Hero Sandwich with Champion Cheese Spread**

**Ingredients**

4 tablespoons of Challenge butter

1/3 cup of finely diced onion

4 crushed cloves of garlic, divided

2 loaves of frozen bread dough, thawed accordion to directions

2 tablespoons of sesame seeds

1 tub of Challenge Whipped Cream Cheese

2-3 tablespoons of diced peppercinis or banana peppers

¼ cup of diced roasted red bell pepper

1/4 cup of diced olives

1 teaspoon of dried oregano

1/8 cup of diced fresh basil

½ cup of shredded cheddar cheese

1/2 of a red onion, cut into thin slices

2 tablespoons of red wine vinegar

1 teaspoon of sugar

½ teaspoon of salt

1 pound of assorted Italian deli meats of your choice

1 large tomato, thinly sliced

1 cup of finely shredded lettuce

 **Directions**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a medium size skillet, add butter and onion. Cook until onions are softened and light golden brown, about 5 minutes. Stir in two cloves of garlic and remove from heat. Place thawed bread dough on a parchment lined baking sheet. Form dough into two loaves, about 12 inches long. Brush tops with butter mixture and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Bake loaves for 20-25 minutes or as directed on package. Let cool and cut in half horizontally with a serrated knife.

In a small bowl combine sliced red onion, vinegar, sugar and salt. Add just enough water to cover onions. Let pickle for at least one hour.

In a medium bowl, combine the whipped cream cheese, the remaining two cloves of garlic, peppercinis, olives, oregano, basil and cheddar cheese. Spread mixture on top portion of each bread loaf. Fold deli meats in half and arrange on bottom portion of bread followed by the slices of tomato. Top with shredded lettuce and pickled onions. Add cheese covered top portion. Cut into 2 inch pieces refrigerate until ready to serve.

Creates 12 2 inch slices

TIP: To make this sandwich extra special, consider making a flag to stick in the middle of your Hero sandwich. Print out your greeting on your computer, glue to a piece of scrapbooking paper and attatch a long toothpick. Stick in the middle of your sandwich so everyone can know who your Hero is!