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## Where I've Been

Wednesday, October 02, 2013

I've been missing from SP for 5 weeks.



Those are the High Tatra Mountains of Slovakia behind us. Notice how angle of the ski jump is at the same angle as the peak on the right. The many chalets are built with the same idea.

After 1 month in Slovakia and 2 more weeks traveling around the USA, it took a while to get back to SP.

First there was a 3 week course in Slovak Language and Culture in Bratislava followed by 10 days driving around the country on our own. Details in my last few blog posts.

We saw the traditional



and the modern

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That's a solar array outside my grandmother's village  
I wonder what Grandma would have thought of that?

Back in the USA we had 3 events (one meeting in NC) and 2 military reunions  
The 50th reunion of my Dad's WWII ship. I maintain the ship's website. The guy in uniform is the commander of the Naval Base.



Dad's been gone for 15 years, but his surviving shipmates have voted to continue the annual tradition next year. They've met every year since 1964. I think they all want to be the last man standing. There are more guys still alive, but at age 90+ unable to make such a long trip.

Then there was the reunion of DH's Vietnam unit at Fort Bragg.

In other news, I ate healthy and walked/ran over 200 miles since leaving for Europe on Aug 3rd, but still packed on some pounds. As they say, you can't outrun your fork.

Now my plan is to catch up here at home and return to my "breakfast with SP" routine.

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**SARAWALKS**

Nice to see you back! Wow, those are some wonderful photos...  
Grand to see the vets continuing to meet every year, no matter what!

Welcome  
Back!

2768 days ago



**IONA72**

Thanks for sharing news of your travels, looks like you had a good time. As you say it's back

to routine now !!  
2803 days ago

Welcome  
Back!



**MARYJEANSL**

I don't know how I have missed your last few posts. Boo me! You were definitely missed on





Spark People, but I'm glad your time away was so well spent.

My dad, too, was a WWII veteran...and a Vietnam veteran, but, sadly, he didn't live long enough to make it to reunions. He died back in 1972 - they sent him home from Vietnam when they discovered his pancreatic cancer. My thanks to your husband for his service to our country!  
2805 days ago



**WILSONWR**

Welcome back! Although I'm sure you had a fantastic time, I bet you're glad to be home!  
Those military reunions sound really special. Thanks for all you do maintaining that website - I'm sure you've made a lot of folks very happy. Take care!  
2811 days ago



**STRIVERONE**

Welcome back.  
2811 days ago



**GINIEMIE**

Welcome back, so glad you enjoyed yourself and spent time showing appreciation to our servicemen.  
We can lose the summer/vacation weight and get back on track, I know we can.



2811 days ago



**TRAVELGRRL**

Welcome home! Think of the damage if you had not done the 200 miles.

Great photo of your Dad's shipmates; my Dad also was very proud of his WWII service. He passed away in May.

Glad you are back but I know your vacation was really memorable. I'm really glad you shared it with us-!  
2811 days ago



**LOLATURTLE**

Amazing travels! I love the photos.

Welcome back!  
2811 days ago



**MJZHERE**

Welcome back! How nice you were able to go and enjoy yourself. Good to have you home.  
2811 days ago



**BOOKAPHILE**

Welcome back! You aren't the only one who has put on a few. Back to the SP routine for us!  
2811 days ago



**LINDAKAY228**

Sounds like an amazing time! Between the foreign travel and the honoring of some of our veterans as well as other things along the way you've had an amazing trip! Glad you're back but also glad you had the opportunity to do some many awesome things!  
2812 days ago



**MYSTERYROSE74**

Welcome back!!! Glad you had such a successful trip. Have been missing your daily blogs.  
2812 days ago



**CELIAMINER**

You are one busy woman! We are on day two of the government shutdown, and I'm finding I have no time to do things like clean house because I'm too busy doing the things I want to do.



2812 days ago



**BOILHAM**

Welcome home! I love the reunion picture!!!  
God bless our vets.  
2812 days ago



**LEWILL1982**

Welcome back, great to hear from you. I checked your page once in awhile to make sure I hadn't missed something. :-)  
2812 days ago



**TINAJANE76**

Welcome back! Glad to hear you had such a nice time in Slovakia and at the military reunions. I've yet to figure out a way to really enjoy my vacations without putting on a few pounds. I've sort of accepted that as my reality and just make sure I work to take them off as soon as I get back home. Looking forward to seeing you around more!  
2812 days ago



**KELLIEBEAN**

So glad to hear from you again. I have enjoyed your blogs through your trip.

That's great that you manage the ship's website. That is a beautiful picture of you and your husband!

2812 days ago



**TERI-RIFIC**

Amazing trip. Amazing reunions!  
2812 days ago



**MISCHAKEO**

I am so happy to hear from you. We can drink coffee and have breakfast with Spark together. The Fall is a perfect time to lose up pounds and stay on track. You have had wonderful travel events. My mom is in her 90s and is a WWII navy vet. Those reunions are important.

Have a great Spark day my friend. I have missed you.



2812 days ago



**DR1939**

We've missed you. I checked a couple of times to be sure you were still a SP member. I'm sure the pounds will depart now that you are back on track.  
2812 days ago



**ONEKIDSMOM**

Back to basics, huh? You had a great trip, did the best you could under the circumstances, but travel does have an impact. Catch up, and savor the memories while you Spark on!  
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