What being Czech means to me

To me, being Czech has always been an adventure. Growing up in a tight knit Czech community has made me realize that the Czech culture is very interesting and enjoyable to be a part of. Attending our annual Czech festival is always one of my highlights of the whole year. We always have a great time celebrating with our fellow Czech family and friends. It makes me feel very proud and honored to be part of the Czech tradition. After the explosion, I saw how our community pulled together and took care of each other. We all put in a hand to try to help. To me that just shows how close the Czech family is and how we have each others backs, even in some of the toughest times. Both sides of my family have a Czech ethnicity, and learning about the culture has been quite entertaining. Listening to the music, eating the food, studying the ways of our ancestors has been really amazing. I just can't put it into

words to explain how much our Czech community cares about each other, and how we will do absolutely anything for each other. You can tell almost anyone in our community that their neighbor is in need, and I guarantee that person will drop everything and help his fellow West family member. That kind of act has especially showed in this last couple months. And that is one of the main reasons I'm proud to be Czech. Because our culture are all around great people. And having the heart of a Czech is not something you can aquire, but it is something you are born with.

1. What is the Capitol of the Czech Republic?
Prague

2. Where is the Czech Republic located?
In the continent of Europe, surrounded by Germany, Poland, Slovakia, + Austria.

3. Name a famous Czech, and what he did?
Franz Kafka, a famous writer. Stories like "The Metamorphosis, The Trial, The Castle, and Amerika".

4. Write one Czech word or phrase + translate it into English.

Jak se Máš?! - How are you?!

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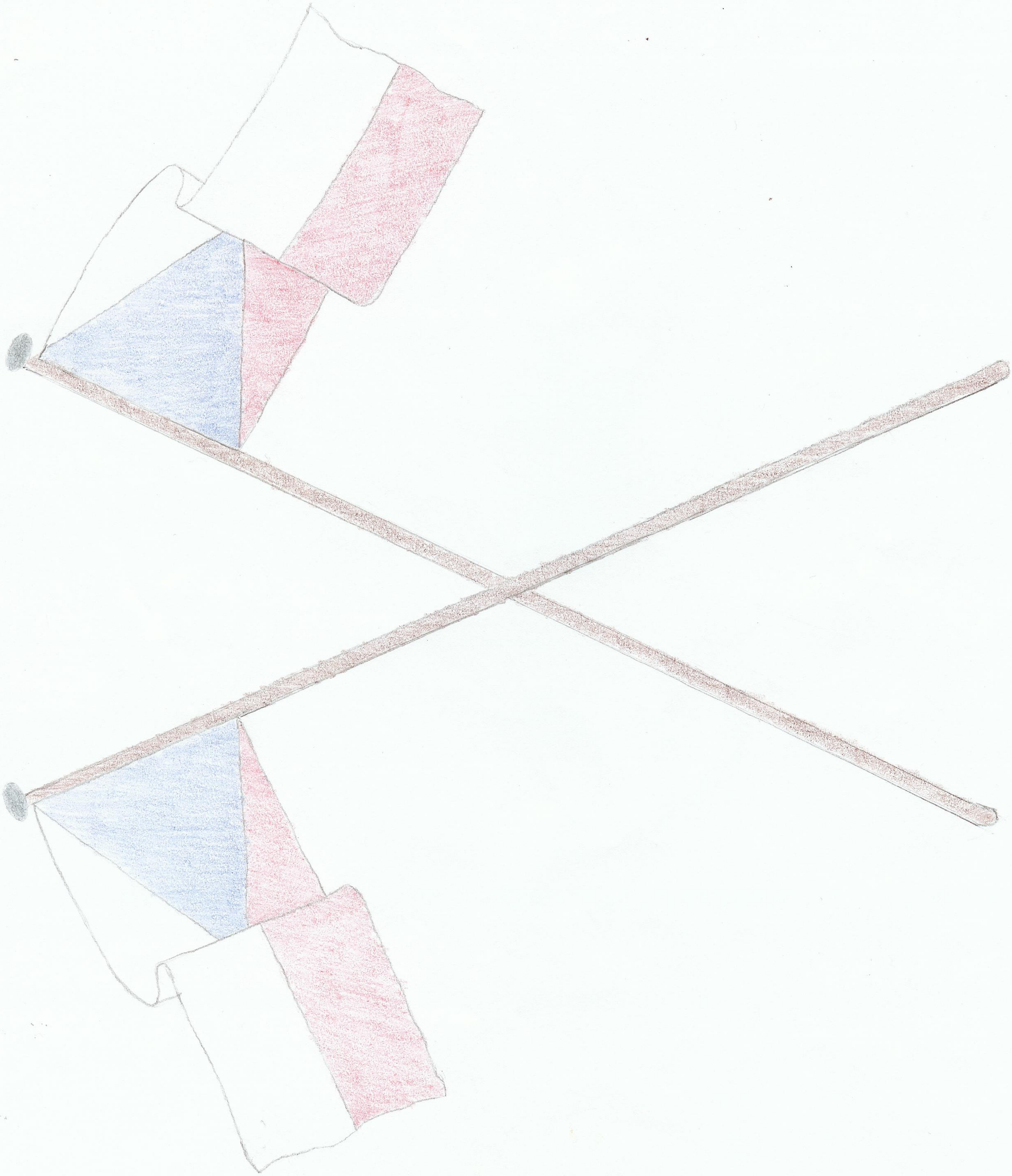
The disaster on April 17th effected my family + friends pretty badly Our very close family / friends, the Webre's lost their home + business. I work at the business that they own + they are having a tough time getting the business they need. They also lost their family dog that night. And sadly we lost a lot of good friends of ours in the explosion, one who was our cousin.