The Early Life of George H.W. Bush

Lieutenant George Herbert Walker Bush was a navy pilot during WWII when he was twenty years old. He was on a mission to attack two radio towers in Chichijimi, Japan, on Saturday, Sept. 2, 1944. As the U.S. Navy approached the island, Bush’s plane was shot down. The plane was beginning to implode so the pilots dropped the bombs to complete the mission. Flying out to sea, the men parachuted into the ocean. George HW. Bush was the only pilot to escape from being killed or captured.

He landed deep into the water and climbed aboard a tiny raft. There alone, he felt overwhelmed with grief and bewilderment. He was frantic about the other crew members while wondering if he would survive. Later, a submarine emerged and rescued Lieutenant Bush.

He thought about the reasons he was saved. He believed his life was no longer his own. Proving himself worthy of his salvation, he made the decision to touch lives through service to mankind. He was a congressman, vice-president, and the 41st president of the United States from 1989 – 1993.