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ChiChi-Jima

A Small Island with a Rich History

This tiny volcanic island in the far western Pacific was settled by seven Caucasian families in 1831. It was visited by Commodore Perry in 1853.

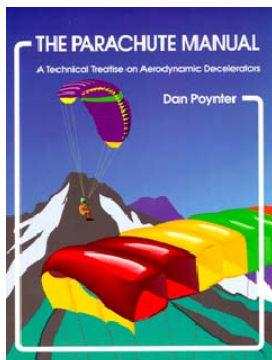
Chichi Jima became part of Japan in 1912. It is in the Bonin Island chain, not far from Iwo Jima. The Caucasian Japanese became citizens of Japan.

When World War II erupted, the young men of the island joined the Japanese military. While Iwo Jima had flat areas appropriate for an airfield, mountainous Chichi Jima was selected for a strategic radio relay station.

As the war progressed in 1944, the U.S. Navy decided the radio station had to be taken out. The second attempt was given to 20-year old Lt (j.g.) George H. W. Bush, a future president of the United States. His plane was hit and he bailed out over the water.

The island is still inhabited by descendants of the original Caucasian settlers.

Fascinating geography and a great piece of little-known history.



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