

# Russ Granata Biographical Sketch

**Russ Granata** was born in 1923 in Rochester, New York, USA, and is a father and grandfather. He is an experienced teacher, lecturer, translator, writer, and publisher. A six-times decorated US Navy veteran of the Second World War, he volunteered as a teenager to avenge Pearl Harbor, fought the Japanese in the Asiatic-Pacific Campaigns aboard the aircraft carrier [USS San Jacinto CVL-30](#), whose most renowned shipmate and wartime pilot George Herbert Walker Bush was to become the most recent, if not the last President of the United States to have fought in World War II. Since that war he has made his home in Southern California with his wife and family.



**Russ Granata** graduated from the University of California from where he holds a Bachelor Degree and he is also a graduate of the University of Southern California from where he holds a Master's Degree.

Among his hobbies are traveling, hiking, and cycling.

**Russ Granata cited in "Military Magazine!"**  
**of Sept. 1992 by Lt. Col. Michael Mark, USA (Ret.)**  
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[and the USS San Jacinto CVL 30](#)

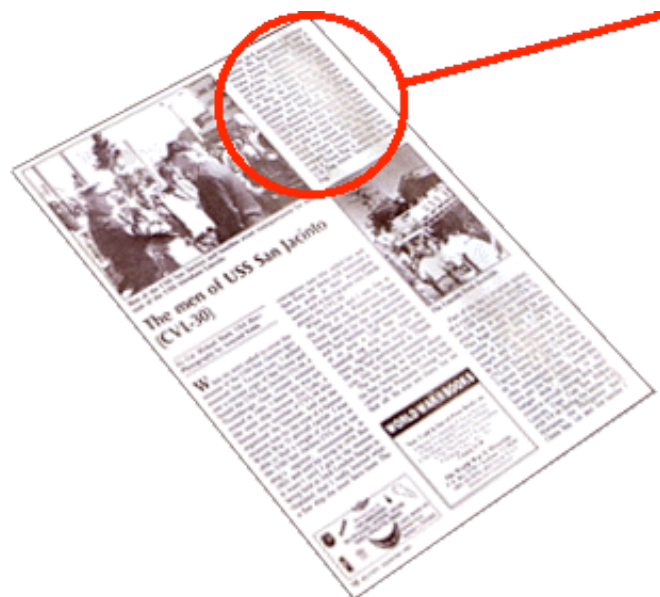
...The first thing we learned about the San Jacinto, was that it was the carrier that President George Bush flew off. ... he'd attended a previous reunion.

Mr. Russ Granata, now a retired history professor living in Palos Verdes Peninsula, California, said of him. "I remember him as tall and lanky. I wondered how he could fit into one of those planes."

.....Russ provided me with a wealth of information not found in the official Navy archives.

Funds to build the USS Houston were raised by a huge bond drive in 1942. With the funds left over from that project the Navy was able to build the San Jacinto, which was named after the famed battle where General Sam Houston avenged the Alamo.

Russ said they had a Texas flag in addition the U.S. flag, which



**"became our battle flag." .....**