

What occupations do Communicators take up on leaving the Navy?

Surname	First Name	Maiden Name	Occupation(s)
Blackwell	Jared		Computer Engineer in Tauranga
Broom	Peter		Left pussers 1955 went into cabinetmaking and then to boat building which has taken me to Sri Lanka and South Korea, now living in Cambewarra NSW south coast and of course have been retired for 16 years and loving it. Still fit and well and will endeavour to make next reunion
Brown	Geoff		Brisbane in 1989 spent 5 years with Franklins then to Baxter Healthcare @ Acaia Ridge. Transferred and opened a warehouse in Townsville in 2000 then transferred to WA in 2004. Baxter manufactures and distributes medical products and have the market for IVs - also renal, haemo and compound all chemo and antibiotic drugs. Most ex jacks have had one or two of the above by now. Anyway looking for a way to get back over east.
Bull	Henri		Henri Bull left RNZN in '67 after wondering what to do and even going into employment agency and could type faster than the Blonde gal running the place with even higher accuracy, did the easy thing and got employment again on the 8th floor Department Building in Wellywood, CAA, became Coms Off with them and then was moved to Kelburn Met Comcen (run by CAA) as they were short of morse men to do their shipping broadcasts etc. From there did further studies and became Flight Service Officer at Paraparaumu on a temporary basis , then got a permanent Comms/ FSO position in Wanganui, which was great, with some relieving in Palmerston North and Ohakea Military and New Plymouth. Then they decided to close Wanganui so was offered redundancy or a try at becoming an Air Traffic Controller, so took the challenge and after many long hours of study etc against lots of younger commercial pilots and degree'd kids surprised not only myself but many of the instructors by passing the course. Posted to New Plymouth and after further training got a rating in Aerodrome and Approach Control (where they dont have radar for the approach) , where is worked with a great group of guys till mid 90's. Retired after motor accident with severe leg injuries. Moved to Aussie in 2002 and living happily retired with a gorgeous partner. Have a nice 4 x 4 with caravan to explore the country during school holidays (she teaches) . Life is good.
Campfens	Lynley		Have done a bit of everything but have been nursing since qualified in 2003
Casbolt	Clive		In 1970 I went to the UK to study electronics and became a Radio Officer in the Merchant Navy which was absolutely brilliant until 1993 when they made us all redundant. It is ironic that I was involved in testing of INMARSAT with British Telecom, little knowing I was doing myself out of a job as happened later.
Cassidy	Shannley		Doing my Bachelor of nursing. in my second semester of my first year now.
Collie	Judy	Buckingham	Was in Signals in 63-64 and am now working as a Records Manager for Local Government in Queensland. Worked my way through life being a postie, civilian in the Army, moved to Australia and worked for Department Youth, Sport and Recreation, Mack Trucks, and have been with local government for 13 years - you just gotta love politics!!

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Commons	Christine		Dept of Civil Aviation as Comms Operator (just round corner from NCC - 8th floor Stout St. Would have had wonderful career but back in 60's - woman, married and becoming pregnant!!!! Wish had been born much later as would love to be a "Jenny" in this modern age. However after all the domestic stuff rejoined workforce this time in Australia - tram driver 13 years Melbourne and at moment transporting livestock Western Australia (sorry, mean transporting passengers on public transport - ie buses!!
Commons	Mike		Was a 29th boy, finished as Killick Bunting tosser... On discharge 1963, took a while to settle into the routine of civvie life. Got a job in the construction of the Manapouri Power House. Was there for 3 years, then in 1968, came over to OZ to try mining. Was at Mt Isa till 1982,(14 years) when I left to come to WA where I worked (17 years) in a dairy factory making butter powdered milk and casein. Then for the past 10 years have been piloting a bus round the streets of Bunbury WA. But reckon I am ready to give it all away and stick to piloting a lawn mower round to section!!!!!! I reckon it has been a great life I have had, and still look back with fond memories on my Pusser's time – would not have missed that for quids and made some bloody great mates there.
Corney	Richard		Roasting coffee, sending it all over New Zealand. Random - nothing to do with comms, but I have to say, I wish people used op sigs via email, would save so much reading time.
Dell	Jim		Biomedical electronics technician – Look after and repair clinical equipment that is connected to patients. Radio frequency manager skills come in handy with checking for electromagnetic and radio frequency interference on equipment from cellphones, mobile phones, wireless laptops and electronic equipment.
Dorset	Neill		Left the navy '77 and joined the NZ Police and was with them for 25 yrs (both uniform side (Country copper) till injured and then civilian-side (Firearms & Prosecutions) till leaving for WA '02. Worked on gas plant in karratha WA (security) till landed position am in now – Security Manager State Parliament Perth. Currently winding down towards retirement Ozzie day Jan '13.
Edwards	Brian (Pilz)		After nearly 14 years Pussers I became a Cargologist. I was a Wharfie for 30 yrs on the Auckland Waterfront. Did my Comms trade benefit me? Not really, although I did occasionally tap out excerpts from an old crumpled Playboy mag during lapses in my crane cab. Oh yes, and I did shoot the breeze with an American Destroyer via short arm semaphore whilst standing at the end of the Container boom. Retired 12 yrs ago, but came back out (of retirement not the closet ) to drive a Country school bus in Murwillumbah NSW 7 yrs ago. Occasionally get pestered by Chook Fowler driving down to my farm in his flash Limo.
Flavell	Misty Lee		I work at an Early child care centre and am studying for my degree at the same time :) not much radio work there haha
Fowler	Chook		I am also in Queensland but down on the Gold Coast, it's amazing the number of ex matelots over here. I left pussers went to 1ZB for a stint, then went and pulled tits for 10 years managing a dairy farm in Taranaki, bought a cafe in Hamilton and then left good old Aotearoa for the warmer climes of Queensland and now mixing with the rich and famous, or not so famous, driving limousines.

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Hanover	David		Medical Radiographer Blenheim these days
Harris-Wana	Linda		I went from police comms to hospital comms to security comms and now ambulance comms.....hmmm, sensing a pattern!! Lolz
Hart	Sarah		I am a cyf social worker got my bachelor a while back; advocacy in high risk domestic violence before this role; been accepted to Auckland law but have deferred for two years... Found my flag pack the other day and can roughly remember most of them good to hear of people's successes and careers.
Harwood	Bruce		Left the Navy in 1977 and joined Air New Zealand working in their Communications dept doing Comcen work mainly but that turned into a Computer Network Operations role within a short time. There were plenty of other ex Pussers communicators there at the time – Rocky Graham, Kevin Smith, John Cupples, Wayne Jenkins, Kevin Watt, & Paul Craggs started the same day as me. After Network Operations did a few years as a Project Manager still with Air NZ. I spent 22 years with Air New Zealand and sort of grew up with the Computer networking age. In many ways just a follow on from being in Navy comms. Got made redundant in 2000 when outsourcing was popular and joined the company I still work for, Network Edge. My current role is Network Operations Mgr and funnily enough our main customers are Air New Zealand, also Fonterra & Mighty River Power. I manage a team of 14 doing WAN,LAN & voice network management 24x7 (not me though I've had my share of shift working). It amazes me today what these young guns know about IT, but none of them can figure out what the morse ringtone on my cellphone says!!
Hay	Fiona		Started in Property Management... but since have done an Admin job consisting of safety, accounts, stock control and reconciliation at a company that sells steel all around the world... am now working at TAFE doing Facilities & OSH though my permanent role is Executive Assistant & am starting my Cert IV OSH on Monday... not much Comms stuff in there... but my time in the Navy was invaluable!
Hildrith	Jimmy		Left in 2001, worked for Dunlop/Goodyear/Beaurepaires in a call centre for a bit then got promoted to Marketing Exec which I did for about 6 years. One of the best skills I reckoned I picked up in the puss was being able to live in a messdeck with allsorts of people, now I can get on with pretty much anyone. Moved to Wanganui 5 years ago, did a couple of years at Suzuki NZ and now work for the council as a project/marketing manager.
Hill	Paula		Recruitment Consultant in Melbourne, Australia
Hobbs	Michael		Business Development Manager for an International Medical and Security Assistance Company
Hockley	Russell		Russell G Hockley, departed RNZN after 23 yrs, and then went fishing 2 years, pub trade 2 years, packing whole longline snapper for Japan 10 years, fishing , bar trade 2 years then retired aged 66. Loved the sea time. From passed radio experience, used to man the fishboat circuit from time to time and had 3 maydays in that time, rapid response and good people around meant we only lost one fisherman, in their moment of distress in very bad weather he got caught with some longline hooks and went over the side. Best comms exchange was with Brian Pog Cookson when he was at Whangaroa Radio. His classic daily opening was "Good morning good morning good morning this is Whangaroa Radio the time is zero eight circle circle". always remembered Cookie

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Jackson	Rodney		Granted have only left this year , but I am doing a bachelor of physical education at Auckland Uni. Wanting to be a High School PE Teacher.
Johnson	Tom (Tiny)		Hi All, Transferred from Pussers 1976 to the Green Machine Corps of Signals, served four years then left for civvy street 1980 Started with St John Ambulance worked 6 years in the Auckland Area then moved back down to Southland worked for Ambulance in Invercargill then back to Gore with St John retired last October as Manager. 30 years was enough. While in Gore Got press ganged by Neil Dorset to join the local Air Training Corp Sqdn. commissioned as a Pilot Officer 1992 retired after 20 years, ran into a few Navy pers. Ted Haar, Dave Dryden to name a few. In retirement fixing things that aren't broken but you know sailors always tutuing with things they shouldn't.
Kingi	TK		Last place of work Irirangi 1982 – Went from RO to Snoop dog, to Uni – to teaching, to a heart operation [2010] to Australia, to building [again] in the middle of the desert. It's all about relationships and verbal communications.
Kingham	Murray		Left in January 1991 whilst living in Waiberia as my wife was still working at Receivers as a supervisor. First up bought a Mack tractor unit with a 4 axle B train and hauled for Owens Rd for a couple of years. Passed Aspro and Terry Patterson in their trucks on the run from Napier to Wellington now and then. When my wife was posted back to Auckland I started working for a helicopter company which was a lot of fun but not a lot of money and met my future business partner through one of the pilots. We teamed up and started in the timber industry importing Australian Hardwood and quickly grew the market. Partnership soured and we parted company in 1998 and I started my own company, Trans Pacific Timbers, and continued expanding my market share. I operate from an office at home and currently supply about 80% of the Power industry in New Zealand with hardwood poles and cross arms as well as a number of port authorities with large wharf piles and sawn sections of timber. I visit suppliers in Queensland, NSW and WA on a fairly regular basis and circumnavigate north and south islands every six months. Always good to catch up with people and have a beer or two on these trips.

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Kininmont	Noel	<p>Left pussers in May 1965--married communicator wren Jenny Blue Wilson in June 65--the whole of Whangamata were at the wedding--the whole 565---bit different now on a Queens Birthday weekend ---Navy personnel took over over the pub---made him as much money on the Sunday as he took all week--To Taumarunui and started own rural mail general goods contract--left after 8 years--spent a season on venison recovery--and then got a job as controlling officer for 1.5 million acres in the volcanic plateau/Wanganui Headwaters and Turangi area as Pest destruction controller--lasted 10 years--but when they centralised meant too much travel every day with nil kickback--so went contract fencing and then joined AFFCO Freezing works as a labourer--became a mutton butcher and then a beef butcher and then progressed to supervisor of the slaughter boards then overall supervisor of boning rooms, Works closed became redundant so moved to Rotorua and set up International Airport shuttle business servicing Auckland and Hamilton International plus tours around Rotorua Taupo Mountains areas--ended up with 7 drivers working for us plus Blue and myself-----decided to retire in 2004 and turned the business over to my 3rd daughter and her partner and came to Whangamata to retire and enjoy the good life--THEN the wheels fell off everything--My heart showed me who was Boss and then the big C decided it would have a go also--still I'm waking up every morning feeling ok and Blue has stuck with me through thick and thin---Not too bad for a ratbag sparker and a cute jenny wren--and I must have had one drink too many to say that--Skin</p>
Lodge	Brendon	<p>Development Manager for the Hawkes Bay Triathlon Club, I still use Motorola GP328 Radio's for events, one link at least.</p>
Long	Paddy	<p>Comms for Radio NZ/TVNZ News in Christchurch – morphed into Computer networking — 16 years. Then worked full time as a studio and performance musician for 12 years or so (still do) ... studied full time at CHCH polytech for 2 years 2000/01, dip in computer networking/Cisco certifications CCNA and CCNP – for last 9 years have worked as a senior software test engineer for Allied Telesis Labs in CHCH – building, research and development and testing Network routers and high end layer 3 network switches, and providing network solutions for our global customers!! So I guess I am still in the game, only I have developed and furthered my skills as technology has grown/changed. Coast Radio Operator for NZPO and then OTC (OZ), Phone and Data Tech for Telstra, now Security Guard at QANTAS Jetbase in Sydney</p>

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Magon	Tony		Coast Radio Operator for NZPO and then OTC (OZ), Phone and Data Tech for Telstra, now Security Guard at QANTAS Jetbase in Sydney.
Malcolm	Jacqui		I am a beauty therapist funning my own salon
Munro	TeWeehi		Worked for Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi as a Regional Administrator (2003-2005) at the North Shore – Taipari Te Ataarangi campus (next to Awataha Marae) – supporting students and teachers within a total immersion te reo Maori environment. Moved to Taumarunui (Feb 2005) and picked up a job as a Truancy Officer. In Nov 2005 picked up a job at the Hawke's Bay District Health Board in Public Health – Health Promoting Schools Advisor/Coordinator. Some key transferable competencies and skill sets brought across from my time in the Navy were: Communication (all facets e.g. written, verbal/non verbal); Professional Development; Interpersonal Relationships; The Treaty of Waitangi (understanding and knowlege – in English and Maori). Areas that I have personally developed (and which officers are made aware of and develop further during their career) externally of the Navy is Political (and Strategic) Savvy. Regards, Muns
Parker	Allan		When I left the RNZN I spent 15 plus years as a self employed training and development consultant working in a wide range of public and private organizations. ( My experience as an Instructor in the RNZN and helping develop new training programmes for the RNZN helped). I then spent 10 years working as a programme leader in the field of domestic violence - very challenging work) Currently I am Chairman of the Shakespear Open Sanctuary Society Inc - a community organisation funding and providing volunteers in support of the Shakespear Wildlife Sanctuary. (The sanctuary incorporates the NZDF Training Facility at Army Bay Whangaparaoa which current and ex communicators know well
Rawhira Ward	Jemma		I'm at Uni doing a Bachelor in Early Childhood and loving it!
Rickwood	Angie		I am teaching VHF & MROC courses part-time, so thanks RNZN. I finally found a use for all that morse and signal training.
Rogers	Daina		Mum – Soon to be training as a Physio Nurse
Sadler	Bob		Left pussers in 1980 and then mainly did 30 odd years in hospitality as a Club Secretary Manager firstly in Tauranga and then more recently in Auckland. Retired now.
Scripps	Rob		Fire, rescue and emergency medical responder in Melbourne. All that Damage Control school and medical training came in handy.
Smith	Richard		Engineering on super yachts, broke in as an ETO (Electro Technical Officer) in charge of all satcomms and nav gear etc....
Tokoar	Valerie		Security comms at the moment but I've heard they are looking for comms in Coastguard

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Trigg	Dave		Have moved into real estate in sunny Nelson. Am currently doing management papers in the industry, specialising in residential while training in rural which will become my main focus. It's all about people and professional relationships. You can contact me through my web presence <a href="http://www.davetrigg.co.nz">http://www.davetrigg.co.nz</a> or on facebook <a href="http://www.facebook.com/dave.trigg2">http://www.facebook.com/dave.trigg2</a> I try to paste interesting articles and information to assist people in making informed decisions.
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Van Geuns	Yvonne		After leaving the navy in 1984 I became a stay at home mum for a couple of years then went back into the workforce and had a variety of jobs from McDonalds to air traffic controller training on computer, We left NZ to live in Holland for a couple of years which turned into 12 years. We came back to NZ when my son had finished his high school education in Holland. I have worked at Whitcoulls for 4 years but the last 5 years i work for Datacolnz and I currently supervise 40 meter readers for gas, electricity and water (we only read the meters we don't send out the bills) we are slowly loosing readers with the introduction of smart meters but administration wise we have twice as much work so I'm kept very busy.
Waaka	Miriam		Left RNZN in 2007 after 27 years and 2 months. (last 11 years of service in out of branch/training roles). Then was a Distance learning tutor/adult educator for a Private Training provider for three years. Currently in NZDf as a civilian employee (admin) working at No 6 Squadron (Seasprite Helicopters) at RNZAF Base at Whenuapai. Also in RNZN reserves doing training development work.
Waitoa	Stacey		Machine Operator in the mines over in WA
Wharepapa	John		Domestic Violence Coordinator
Whiongi	Carmen	Sadler	Left in 1986 after only 2.5 years as decided too many of the 'uncles' were still in keeping an eye on moi! Used those typing skills and was a secretary/PA for couple of years then went overseas to nanny.....came back and met a Jack, having said would never marry one! One son and a divorce later, am working for Te Wananga o Aotearoa as Student Support Advisor based in the mighty Manawatu. I start Masters study in July and my lad is now almost 19.
Wistrand	David		Just for the record – After leaving RNZN in 1987 went working for a company called Financial Systems which were one of the first selling PC's. IBM then Compaq dealer selling to Corporates in Auckland. Become the Operations Manager fairly smartly and controlled up to a dozen Network Engineers at different times. Those were the days PC's were just becoming the thing – \$15K for a IBM AT PC, remember the first 386's and Compaq moving into NZ. Couple of successes – Sky City couldnt get the Casino working (as all done on instructions from Atlanta) so sent a couple of boys down there and they sorted it or at least told them what they would have to do. SKY TV was another one. Only knew the basics but my job was to hire the bright boys which worked for ten years and then got made redundant in 1999. Back packed around Europe for six months and came back and was living in Waipu and took a job as the Caretaker at the Coopers Beach Front Estates in Doubtless Bay – Parks and Gardens and security and odd bit of real estate for owners. Lasted about 2 years there but was too far north. So back to Waipu and found a job as a security guard at the NZ Refining Company at Marsden Point. About a year later become the Supervisor and due to increases over the years now have about 15 of us here full time. So for the last ten years been driving an office here for 36 hours a week and playing golf on Wednesday's (Sports make and mend – old habits). Retire in August this Year to play golf and have a small B & B <a href="http://www.maggiesplace.co.nz">http://www.maggiesplace.co.nz</a> to keep us going. Been on the Board of the Waipu Golf Club for four years in charge of the Course and Buildings and also Waipu RSA just to keep the hand in.

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Young	Bob	<p>Left end of '72 and moved to Nelson. Found a job painting and decorating while building our new home. Kept that up for a while and landed a job on an oil drill ship "Glomar Tasman" which was based in Nelson. Was basically the rig RO and responsible for crew changes and helo flights. Worked 2 week roster...2 on rig, 2 off then 2 in office ashore. Company left NZ after 18 months but no work possible overseas. Managed a paint/wallpaper shop for 2 years. Then offered another rig job with Hunt Petroleum in Invercargill. This again only lasted 12 months. Joined NZ Police in '79 and served 13 years in Nelson, before becoming disillusioned with the lack of support for proper front line policing. Went to polytech and got my skippers ticket, and ran my own tug and barge business for 10 years, before I found out that my business partner who had been in the police with me, was bent and had been fiddling the books. Got rid of him and carried on with business doing mainly log barging and general marine cartage, marine construction and contracting. Very interesting and challenging work, but with a fickle logging industry, was unable to continue. So sold up the business and since then have been skippering the Port Nelson tugs. Magic job. Like being semi retired. Only work when there's a job then go home again.</p>
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