



## Larry D. Pink

Larry D. Pink grew up in Dallas, Texas, and graduated from South Oak Cliff High School. Larry enrolled in The University of Texas at Arlington in 1974 and studied for three years in the School of Architecture while minoring in Criminal Justice. He became a member of the Corps of Cadets and was an active participant in many Corps activities: I Am A Maverick, Color Guard, Carlisle Cannons, Insurgent Team, and Sam Houston Rifles where he served as the Executive Officer. While attending the university, he served as a Sergeant in the Texas Army National Guard and averaged over 30 hours a week working at United Parcel Service (UPS). While attending UTA, Larry met and married his wife, Claudie M. Pink.

In 1978, Larry was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in the Texas Army National Guard and assigned to the 1st BN 143rd Parachute Infantry Regiment. One of Larry's highlights during this assignment was leading the New Equipment Transition (NET) Team for conversion of the Company to an Armored Cavalry Battery and the battalion to an Artillery Battalion as part of the 3-163rd Armor Cavalry Regiment. The protocols established under his leadership were used for the conversion of the entire battalion. Larry was selected as the battalion's Special Weapons Officer, where he facilitated the transformation and certification of the unit for their mission to reinforce U.S. forces in Germany. He served as Executive Officer of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (HHB) for over three years. During this time, Larry balanced working 50 hours per week at UPS and over 10 hours each week at the Armory.

As a civilian, Larry worked for UPS for more than 36 years; he was promoted to management in 1980. As a result of deregulation of the trucking industry in the early 1980s, UPS expanded in Texas. During the Texas expansion, Larry served as a Senior Human Resources Representative. His team interviewed over 10,000 applicants and hired over 7,000 employees,

2,500 of which were UTA students. He served as the UPS Coordinator for personnel in support of rebuilding following Hurricane Katrina. Larry was assigned as the UPS liaison to the National Black Mayors' Association. His UPS career culminated in service as the National Accounts and Strategic Sales Accounts Manager for the U.S. and abroad.

Larry and his family are active in their church, and he and his wife are strong supporters of the regional and national Boy Scouts of America program. Larry continues to support local charities through distance cycling, with an emphasis on helping to free the world of multiple sclerosis. Larry serves as a great alumnus, soldier, leader, manager, husband, and father.



## Claudia M. Pink

Captain Claudia (Claudie) Pink grew up in DeKalb, Texas. She graduated from DeKalb High School in 1972. Claudie attended East Texas State University from 1972-1976 before transferring to The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) where she joined the UTA Corps of Cadets. It was there that she met and married Larry Pink. Claudie graduated from UTA in August of 1978 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. On July 18, 1979, she was commissioned in the U.S. Army Reserves as a Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps.

Lieutenant Claudie Pink graduated from the Officer Basic Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland and returned to Texas where she was assigned as a Maintenance Platoon Leader of the 223rd Maintenance Company in Fort Worth, Texas. As a result of her performance and demonstrated potential while serving as the 223rd Maintenance Company's Maintenance Platoon Leader, she was promoted to First Lieutenant and then Captain.

Claudie forged a career in the highly competitive Army environment while building a strong family and a distinguished civilian career. Claudie initially held a position with Johnson & Johnson where, as a direct result of her tremendous work ethic and leadership, she was selected to become manager of their Purchasing Department.

Claudie also had a long and distinguished career as a member of the United States Postal Service (U.S.P.S.). She rose through the U.S.P.S. ranks to serve in a number of management and leadership positions to include Time-In-Transit Auditor. She retired from the Postal Service in 2014, with over 29 years of distinguished service.

In addition to her military and civilian careers and her responsibilities at home, Claudie volunteered extensively with the American Heart Association. As a result of her efforts, the American Heart Association instituted management processes that streamlined the donation process for all donors. Claudie found the time to support the Boy Scouts of America; a program participated in by her active family. She provided food, donations, camping equipment, and support for many Boy Scout families in addition to her own.

Claudie and Larry continue to be active in their church. They have three children. Their daughter Christina Hudson resides in Spring, Texas, with her husband Rodney and their two children, Tyler and Jacob. Their son Larry Martin Pink resides in DeSoto, Texas, with his wife Kelly and their three children, Mahlia, Sage, and Carter. Their daughter Catherine Lovelace lives with her husband Charles in Frisco, Texas. Claudie Pink is a UTA Cadet Corps alumnus, a wife, a mother, a soldier, an officer, a manager, and a leader who serves as an example in helping to build strong organizations, family, community, and nation.