

# *The Silent Ranks*

*I wear no uniforms, no blues or army greens.  
But I am in the military in the ranks rarely seen.  
I have no rank upon my shoulders, salutes I do not give.  
But the military world is the place where I live.*

*I'm not in the chain of command, orders I do not get.  
But my spouse is the one who does, this I can not forget.  
I'm not the one who fires the weapon, who puts my life on the line.  
But my job is just as tough, I'm the one that's left behind.*

*My spouse is a patriot, a brave and prideful soldier, and the call to  
serve our country not all can understand.  
Behind the lines I see the things needed to keep this country free.  
My spouse makes the sacrifice, but so do our kids and me.*

*I love the person I married, soldiering is their life.  
But I stand among the silent ranks known as the Military Spouse.*

*Author Unknown*



