**STEVE SPIKER**

Brick Location: A10

Steve Spiker is a young man with a wonderful family. He has a lovely wife, Christine, and their amazing son, Ben. The spikers lived next door to us and Ben loved Gahanna and Goshen Lane Elementary School. In April 2013, Steve received orders to leave and was gone within 60 days. There was no room for tears or sadness as it was not allowed in this military family. “It is what we do,” they would always say. “The military can separate the family, but otherwise they always move together,” they often replied. They moved to Colorado Springs and four months later, Steve was deployed to Kuwait. He said it was the hardest single thing he has ever done, in leaving his son and wife for at least nine months. They now communicate over the internet and long to be together again.

I wonder if the average family realizes the sacrifices our young people make in an attempt to keep all Americans safe?

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