Community efforts ensure veterans will always be remembered

As a community proud of our veterans and our peacekeepers, I was pleased to see many residents in attendance at this past weekend's Remembrance Day Services in Acton, Georgetown and Glen Williams.

Thanks to the insight of Halton's veterans and their organizations— and to Regional Chair Joyce Savoline, who presented the idea to Halton Regional Council— Regional Road 25 was recently dedicated as the Veterans Highway in honour of those who gave their lives in the two world wars.

Every Legion branch in Halton was represented at the ceremony held in Acton, where the Milton Youth Choir sang and where volunteers served lunch to the guests.

Last week regional council voted to.

support the Juno Beach Centre with a significant contribution to the project. The Centre will be a significant memorial to preserve the memory and tell the story of the Canadian troops who landed at Juno Beach on the Normandy coast on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Courseulles-sur-Mer is the actual site and I was privileged to visit it last May during the "Keeping the Memory Alive Tour" which I made with many Halton residents. Incidentally, our very own Artcast Inc. of Georgetown, which has an international reputation for its fine work,

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has been selected to cast the bronze sculpture, which will be unveiled at the site in Normandy on June 6, 2003.

If you would like to contribute to the Juno Beach Centre you may do so by telephone 1-877-828-JUNO (5866) or by mail to Juno Beach

Centre Association, 24-2407 Woodward Avenue, Burlington, ON L7R 4J2.

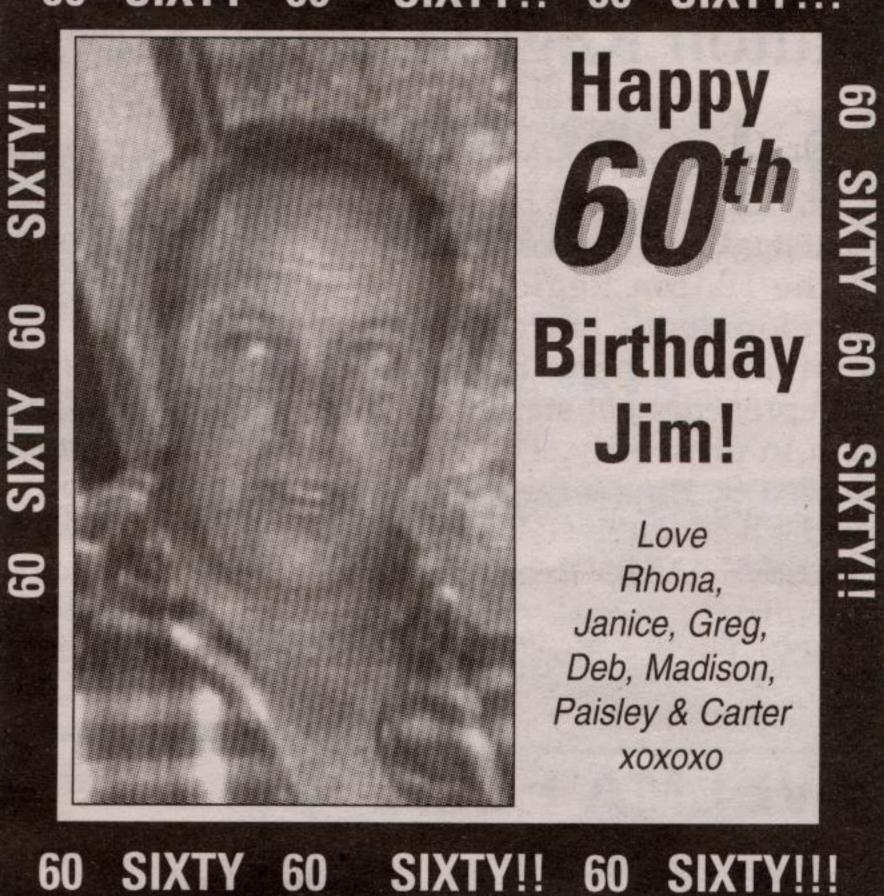
I am pleased to tell you that Halton Hills will be hosting a very special Candlelight Tribute ceremony on May 8, 2003, VE-Day. First introduced in 1998 by Veterans Affairs Canada, Pacific Region in Commemoration Committee of British Columbia, the ceremony is a way to inspire children as they develop into our leaders of the future.

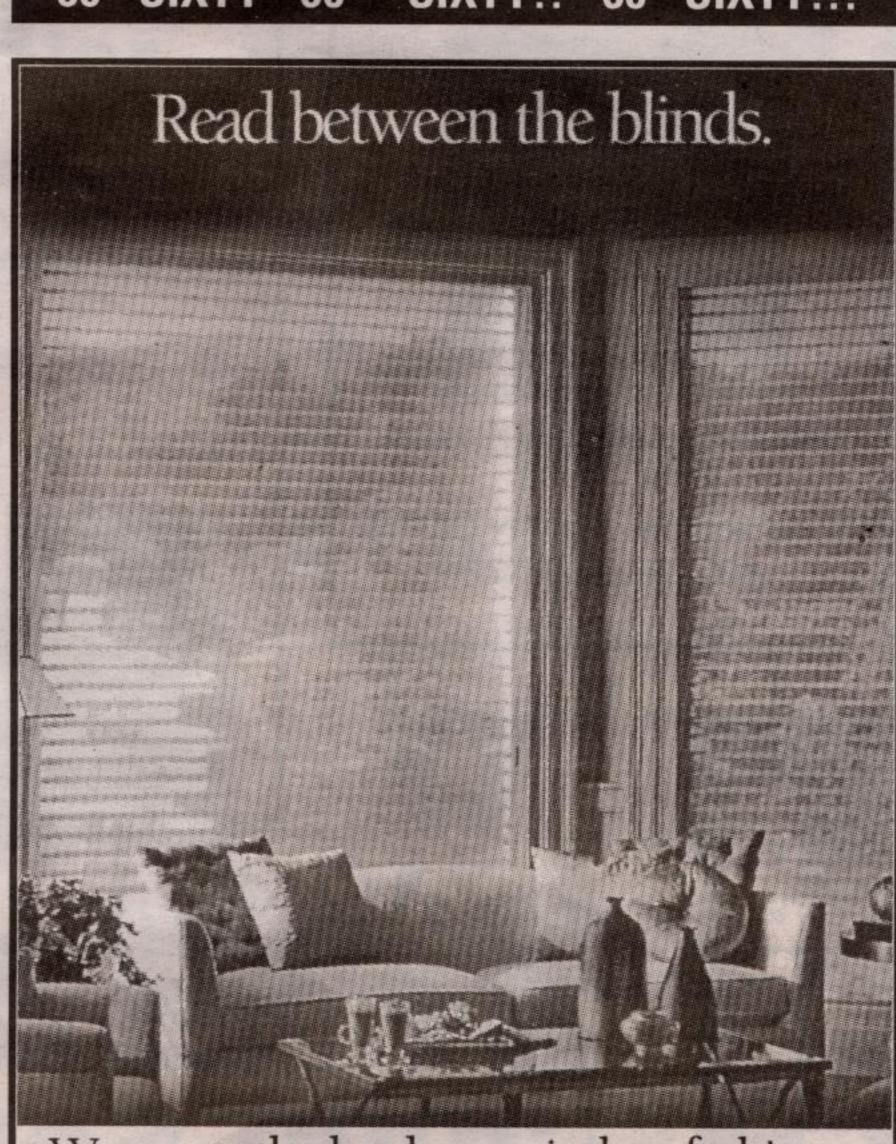
Children, accompanied by veterans, will place candles in a symbolic passing of the torch of remembrance at the cenotaphs in Acton and Georgetown. Church bells will ring and there will be a silent walk as part of the ceremony. Refreshments will be served after the event. Many thanks to the Acton and Georgetown Legion branches and some very dedicated volunteers.

If you would like more information on the event please call my office at 906-873-2601, ext. 2342.

—Kathy Gastle is the mayor of Halton Hills







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