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**NEW ENGLAND ANTIQUE ARMS SOCIETY TO HOST ANTIQUE ARMS FAIR
AUGUST 4TH – 5TH AT CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER**

Antique Arms, Early Military Items, and Historical Material all at one unique antique show

HARTFORD, CT (July 2, 2012) --- If you are interested in antique arms, early military items, and historical material, you'll want to attend the show in Hartford the weekend of August 4-5, at the [Connecticut Convention Center](#), located at Exit 29 off I-91. Over 400 tables of antique and collectible firearms, swords, knives, accoutrements, military dress, Native American/western items, historical photographic images, related books/paper, and many other historical objects will be for sale or on display in educational exhibits. Bring in your antique military and/or historical items along for an appraisal or perhaps to sell. The top military exhibitors will be at this show and are looking to buy.

The show is sponsored by the *New England Antique Arms Society*, a non-profit organization dedicated to the study, acquisition, and preservation of antique arms and other historical material made before 1946. Hours of the show are 9-5 Saturday and 9-1 Sunday. Admission is \$12.00 per day. **(Only \$10.00 per day with downloaded coupon from [www.neaas.org](#))** Exhibitors and dealers from more than 25 states will participate in the 14th Annual event, making it the largest and finest showcase of antique arms and historical material in New England. Some of the country's top auction houses for historical arms and material will also be exhibiting current auction items that will up for sale.

Among the distinguished exhibitors will be George Neumann, noted New England scholar, author and expert on the early arms and artifacts of the Colonial period and the American Revolutionary War. He has written extensively on these subjects for over 40 years. This year he will be selling many of the items that can be found in his book *Battle Weapons of the American Revolution, as well as in his other books*. His books have become standard references in their field for today's collectors and dealers. Mr. Neumann has served as Commander of The Brigade of the American Revolution, a Director and Fellow of The Company of Military Historians, and consultant and advisor to the Public Broadcasting Network, the Museum of Our National Heritage, and the Valley Forge Historical Society.

One unique feature of the show is the "Table Talk", which is a 10-15 minute brief scheduled talk at various locations throughout the hall on both Saturday and Sunday. This is a wonderfully educational event and more and more people follow the brief discussions throughout the day. Not only is it important to know and learn about our National history, it is even more rewarding to see firsthand, to hold, and examine that history in the form of historical objects. Imagine finding the autograph of Abraham Lincoln, a Colt revolver used by a western marshal policing a lawless cow town; an American paratrooper's helmet worn into combat on D-Day during WWII, and countless thousands of other historically significant items all under one roof, many of which will be for sale on that weekend. "Investing in historical material is rewarding in so many ways, so please come and join us," says Jim Mountain, *New England Antique Arms Society*. For further information, contact our website at [www.hartfordshow.com](#).

About the Connecticut Convention Center

The Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford is the state's premier meeting venue and the largest full-service convention facility between New York and Boston. Overlooking the beautiful Connecticut River, it features 140,000 square feet of exhibition space, a 40,000-square-foot ballroom and 25,000 square feet of meeting space, as well as ample sheltered parking. The facility is served by more than 6,500 local area hotel rooms, including the 22-story Marriott Hartford Downtown, adjacent to the Convention Center. The venue is professionally managed for the State of Connecticut by Waterford Venue Services, an affiliate of Waterford Hotel Group. For more information, please visit [www.ctconventions.com](#).