

# Glad to be back!

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Though many large military collectible shows and reenactments were canceled across the world following pandemic-related lockdowns, many of the American shows resumed faster than those events north of the border. Due to

Covid-19 related restrictions the shows in Canada only saw a return this year. Yet due to border restrictions, it wasn't until this September that *Military Trader* was able to return to the Etibicoke Olympium for what is among the best of the militaria shows in Canada.



A nice selection of helmets was seen at the recent show at the Etibicoke Olympium.

While a replica, this was still an impressive uniform – the type worn circa the War of 1812. Authentic examples are rarely even seen in museums.



It isn't just Canadian military that can be found north of the border, as noted by this Polish Army general's uniform.



A collection of ordnance – however, not the sort of thing “Yanks” should try to take across the border.



Above, among the truly standout items at the recent show was this World War I German uniform display. It looked like it had just crossed no-mans-land!



Above right, those looking for World War II battle dress from units that fought at D-Day and across Western Europe would have been in luck!



Right, though not a gun show, there was a good offering of 19th century firearms at this September’s Toronoto event.



The show has its own beats, of course!



A pair of War of 1812 pistols – something you won't find at most American gun shows.



There are also some highly sought after Canadian and British Commonwealth cap badges offered at the Toronto Military Show.



Left, there are always plenty of boxes and bins to dig through, such as this box of caps from around the world.



Right, a rare French Foreign Legion kepi from the First World War.



An impressive assortment of items can always be found at this “northern” show, including this selection from [www.combat-relics.com](http://www.combat-relics.com)



An early 1950s Canadian “Bobby” helmet – note that it featured the maple leaf and beaver as symbols of our neighbors to the north.

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