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#### **United States Marshals Museum Presents *Jurisdiction and Judgment* Lecture Series**

FORT SMITH, Ark. (February 5, 2018) – The United States Marshals Museum will host its fifth consecutive spring lecture series, beginning this March. *Jurisdiction and Judgment: Fort Smith Marshals in Indian Territory* will highlight the role of the U.S. Marshals Service as American settlement moved west in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

“Some very interesting stories come out of this time period,” explains Leslie Higgins, Director of Education. “The overlapping jurisdictions of the U.S. government and independent Indian nations led to dangerous situations, with 64 deputy marshals killed in the line of duty riding out of Fort Smith. With this lecture series, we are hoping the community learns more about the difficulty of the job as well as the courage of the marshals.”

The first lecture in the series will be presented on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, focusing on the history of Cherokee law enforcement and their interactions with the Fort Smith Marshals. The lecture series will continue on April 2<sup>nd</sup> with a presentation about Cherokee Bill. The third, and final, lecture will be presented on May 7<sup>th</sup> and will focus on the tragedy at Going Snake. All lectures will run from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Blue Lion in downtown Fort Smith at 101 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) or at the door for \$25 for the entire series or \$10 per lecture. Tickets will also be available at the door. Heavy Hors d’Oevres will be served and a cash bar will be available for those who will be attending.

For more information, or for help purchasing tickets, please contact Meredith Baldwin at 479-709-3766.

#### **About the U.S. Marshals Museum**

The future United States Marshals Museum will be a national museum located on the riverfront in Fort Smith, Ark. Opening on September 24, 2019, the 230<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States Marshals Service, the museum will tell the story of our nation’s oldest federal law enforcement agency from its establishment by President George Washington through current day. The museum will honor the sacrifice of marshals killed in the line of duty, as well as those who continue to place their lives in harm’s way, as they enforce the Constitution. For more information, visit [usmmuseum.org](http://usmmuseum.org).

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