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United States Marshals Museum Presents '*Power & Politics*' Lecture Series
Sixth Annual Event Features Distinguished Arkansas Government Officials

FORT SMITH, Ark. (Feb. 12, 2019) – The United States Marshals Museum (USMM) announced today that it will host its sixth annual spring lecture series *Power & Politics: Know Your Arkansas State Government*. The three-part series, which begins on March 4, will highlight the power given by the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: all powers not granted to the federal government are reserved for the states and the people.

Arkansas' state government is modeled after the federal government and consists of three branches of power: executive, legislative, and judicial. During this series, attendees will hear from speakers who currently and have previously held roles in each of the three branches.

The first lecture in the series, presented on March 4, will be about the judicial branch and its five court systems: Arkansas Supreme Court, Arkansas Court of Appeals, Circuit Courts, District Courts, and City Courts as established by the Arkansas Constitution in 1836. The series will continue April 1 with a presentation on the legislative branch, which operates on a bicameral system composed of the Arkansas Senate and House of Representatives. The third and final lecture will be on May 6, focusing on the executive branch which is currently headed by Governor Asa Hutchinson.

"This series has been highly successful and has given our community an opportunity to learn more about the U.S. Constitution, civic literacy and the Rule of Law," said Leslie Higgins, Director of Education. "The USMM continues to provide a forum for those interested in how the government works on federal, state, and local levels. This series will foster meaningful discussions while promoting new interest in governmental affairs."

All lectures will be held from 6:30-8:00p at the Blue Lion, 101 North 2nd Street, in Fort Smith. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available for those attending. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door for \$20 for the entire series or \$10 per lecture. To register for the event(s), please visit our [Eventbrite page](#). You can find links to the page on both the [Marshals Museum website](#) as well as on our social media platforms.

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

About the United States Marshals Museum

The future United States Marshals Museum will be a national Museum located on the riverfront in Fort Smith, Ark. Once open, the United States Marshals 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.

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