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American Agri-Women Honors William "Perry" Pendley with Veritas Award

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— [American Agri-Women \(AAW\)](#) awarded its prestigious Veritas Award to William "Perry" Pendley at its 2021 national convention held recently in Phoenix, Ariz. The Veritas Award is bestowed upon individuals who have been public witness to the "pursuit of truth."

Pendley was born and raised in Cheyenne, Wyoming. From July 2019 to January 20, 2021, he was deputy director, policy and programs, Bureau of Land Management of the Department of the Interior, under then President Donald Trump. He was responsible for its 10,000 employees who managed 245 million acres of federal land, mainly in the West and Alaska.



William "Perry" Pendley (right) accepted the Veritas Award from Kathy Reavis (left), chair of American Agri-Women's Veritas Committee, at the organization's recent national convention in Phoenix, Ariz.

Before joining the Trump administration, he led Mountain States Legal Foundation for nearly 30 years. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in economics and political science from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., was a Captain in the United States Marine Corps and received his law degree from the University of Wyoming, College of Law.

He was an attorney to Wyoming U.S. Senator Clifford P. Hansen and the U.S. House of Representatives Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. During the Reagan administration, he was Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy and Minerals of the U.S. Department of the Interior. He authored President Reagan's National Minerals Policy, initiated the Exclusive Economic Zone proclamation, and ensured an honorable memorial for Vietnam War veterans. Admitted to Colorado, the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Wyoming, he often appears on radio and television as an expert and has authored hundreds of op-ed articles. Pendley has published five books about the West, most notably, "Sagebrush Rebel: Reagan's Battle with Environmental Extremists and Why It Matters Today."

About American Agri-Women

[American Agri-Women \(AAW\)](#) promotes the welfare of our national security through a safe and reliable food, fiber and energy supply. Since 1974, AAW members have worked together to educate consumers, advocate for agriculture, and offer networking and professional development opportunities. Go to the AAW web site for more information and to join, www.americanagriwomen.org. Find AAW on social media at: [Facebook.com/AgriWomen](https://www.facebook.com/AgriWomen), [@Women4Ag](https://twitter.com/Women4Ag) and [@americanagriwomen](https://www.instagram.com/americanagriwomen). #women4ag #agriwomen #standupspeakout4ag

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