



50th Anniversary

Foster Joseph Sayers Dam

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019 | Centre County, Pennsylvania



A day to commemorate



US Army Corps
of Engineers

FOSTER JOSEPH SAYERS
DAM

Foster Joseph Sayers Dam Overview

For 50 years, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has operated and maintained Sayers Dam. Since its completion in 1969, it has prevented more than \$212 million in flood damages for downstream communities.

The dam is named in memory of Private First Class Foster Joseph Sayers, a former resident of Centre County, who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic service as a U.S. Army machine gunner in WWII.

We honor this American hero and flood risk management project by opening our facilities to the public in their recognition on this day.

Sayers Dam Facts

ORIGINAL NAME

Authorized as Blanchard Dam and Reservoir by the Flood Control Act of 1954.

HEIGHT

100 ft

LENGTH

1.3 mi

STORAGE CAPACITY

99,000 acre-feet

DRAINAGE AREA

339 sq mi

PURPOSES

Flood risk management; recreation; and fish and wildlife management.

RECREATION

Bald Eagle State Park includes two campgrounds, boating, fishing, swimming, nature Inn, and diverse wildlife habitats.

Foster Joseph Sayers Facts

- Joined the Army from Howard while employed by Piper Aircraft Corporation in Lock Haven.
- Private First Class Foster Joseph Sayers, 20, awarded for heroic actions near Thionville, France, during WWII on Nov. 12, 1944, where he was killed in action.
- Medal of Honor recipient, as Private First Class, serving 357th Infantry, 90th Division, Oct. 1945.
- PFC Sayers lies in the Schencks Cemetery on the edge of the dam, named in his honor.
- Other awards include the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.
 - His awards and artifacts are on display at the Pennsylvania Military Museum in Boalsburg.



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