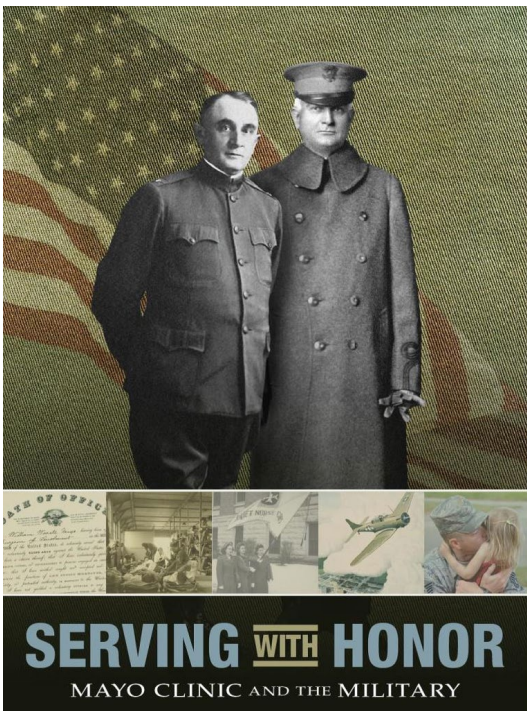




Mayo Clinic Heritage Films Discussion Guide

Serving with Honor: Mayo Clinic and the Military



The story of Mayo Clinic’s relationship with the U.S. military begins in the Civil War and continues to the present day. This documentary honors the men and women of Mayo Clinic who have protected servicemen and women from illness and healed their wounds, sometimes joining the military to do so.

It tells stories from the past and present of doctors and nurses putting themselves in harm’s way, researchers developing new ways to protect combatants, educators preparing medical personnel for battlefield duty and Mayo teams helping wounded warriors reclaim their lives.

For more than 150 years, Mayo Clinic has been proud to serve the military and its country with its primary value: the needs of the patient come first.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think employees of Mayo Clinic were so quick to volunteer for dangerous service in mobile hospitals during World Wars I and II?
2. How do you think the experience of serving in the military would change a health care provider?
3. In a time of national emergency, what skills do you have that may be of value?
4. Dr. William J. Mayo said, “Medicine is the only victor in war.” What are some examples of medicine being advanced by wartime experiences?

5. Do you think there should be limits on the type of assistance physicians and medical scientists provide to the military?

6. Dr. William J. Mayo, while deeply patriotic, said that “medicine knows no country.” Do you think American physicians and scientists should be willing to collaborate with their counterparts in countries that are hostile to American interests?

7. How do you think Mayo Clinic, or any employer, can best support employees who serve in the military?