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Q &amp; A

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Responsible for assisting optometrists in eye examinations and corrective procedures; records patient medical histories and helps prepare patients for vision examinations; assists with tests that help ensure accurate diagnosis and treatment; educates patients on proper care and use of prescribed glasses and contact lenses



### Why did you choose a career working as a DA Civilian?

The pay is good, and I like my hours and working for the Army. There are so many opportunities to grow, learn new things and build a career.

### What do you like most about your job/career as a DA Civilian?

You get to see people from all walks of life, and I think it's really cool to interact with different people from different places. I enjoy working with the Soldiers,

making sure their vision is good, and also taking care of the retirees. It's a good feeling knowing that I'm helping them keep their eyes healthy.

### What is your most memorable experience working as a DA Civilian?

I enjoy taking care of military families. A lot of times, the dependents come in here and they don't have anyone with them, or they don't have anyone to help them with childcare so they bring all the kids with them to their appointments. I

performed auto refractions one time with a kid on my lap. I also worked down at the 43rd Adjutant General Battalion and when the new recruits come in, some of them have never had an eye exam. Hearing them say 'Oh, I can see that!' is a great feeling.



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