



Brenda Carpenter, optician, determines eyewear prescription for Staff Sgt. Linda Jones, a member of the 168th Engineer Battalion headquartered in Flowers, Miss. at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center's motor pool six on May 17. Jones is undergoing her annual training. Below, right, Carpenter helps Jones choose proper frames.



Dr. Joe R. Mitchell, optometrist, uses a refractor to test Spc. Cheryl Leiser's vision at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center's motor pool six on May 17. Leiser is from Leakesville, Miss. and is the human resources S1 of the 890th Engineer Battalion headquartered in Gulfport, Miss. Leiser is undergoing annual training at CSJFTC through May 28.

Mobile healthcare company makes stop at Camp Shelby

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Onsite Health, a mobile healthcare company, came to Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center to aid in medical operations for a couple hundred Soldiers who are mobilized at CSJFTC or undergoing summer annual training on May 16 and 17.

Onsite Health provides dental examinations and treatment, medical screenings, hearing and vision services, health case management and health records processing. About six Onsite Health trailers and countless healthcare professionals were stationed at motor pool six and building 2018.

Rus Dewart, is an optician who is regularly contracted by Onsite Health who travels all across the country working many Onsite Health events.

"Our job is to fit the Soldiers for the eyewear for deployment or while they are on annual training. We are all about

the Soldiers and troops here. That is what we do; it's a matter of helping the troops because they do so much for us."

Part of Dewart's job is to contract local physicians for a few days to aid his Onsite team during an event. Optometrist, Dr. Joe R. Mitchell and optician Brenda Carpenter work at Eye Associates of the South located in Biloxi. They were among those contracted for 12 uninterrupted hours to conduct vision tests and determine prescription eyewear for Soldiers.

Mitchell has been a Doctor of Optometry for 21 years. This is his first experience working with the Onsite Health team and it is his first experience at CSJFTC.

"It is fun, very interesting and different from what I usually do in private practice. Being in Biloxi, I see many Air Force patients because we are near Keesler Air Force Base, but it is still different. It's great," he said.






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