

## FOREIGN SERVICE TOUR EXTENSION (FSTE)

### 1. References.

- a. Chapter 6, AR 614-30, Overseas Service
- b. USAREUR Regulation 614-2, Officer Use and Management

2. There is no specific limit to the amount of time an officer may spend on an overseas tour. However, excessive time spent in the same location in the same organization will, in most instances, inhibit officer professional development. Commanders and S1s should consider the officers' professional development needs when processing requests for FSTE. If the FSTE would inhibit an officer's professional development for Officer Education System (OES) requirements, Key Developmental requirements, or career broadening, the FSTE should be disapproved. FSTEs can, however, be used in conjunction with an Operational Reassignment (OPMOVE) to fulfill an officer's professional development needs if a vacancy exists within the USAREUR AOR.

3. USAREUR OPMD may approve requests for FSTE provided the approval takes place no later than six months prior to the officer's date eligible to return from overseas (DEROS) and the officer is not in receipt of assignment instructions. Extensions may be for any amount of time up to 35 months. Requests not meeting these criteria that merit further consideration must go to the officer's career management branch at HRC for approval.

4. There are numerous conditions under which commanders may request an involuntarily FSTE for officer's within their command. Specific rules are provided in Table 6-1, AR 614-30. Commanders may request to extend soldiers up to six months in support of military field exercises or operations not involving hostilities. Requests for involuntary FSTE must be forwarded through the officer's career management branch at HRC, to HQDA for approval.