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### Warrior Inspector General Message

#### ★HOT TOPIC - Involuntary Foreign Service Tour Extensions (IFSTE)

The motivation behind this reminder is to guarantee personnel in 2ID understand the Involuntary Foreign Service Tour Extensions (IFSTE) procedure and methodology. IFSTE can be used in favorable and unfavorable actions. An IFSTE as defined by AR 614-30, date 14 April 2010, Chap 6-1 wherein it list the authorized reasons to extend foreign service tours. A few common reasons are the following:

- (1) When presence is required to meet immediate and critical operational requirements.
- (2) When assigned to a unit being inactivated or during base closures.
- (3) When selected for training at a school when the date does not reasonably coincide with DEROS.
- (4) Completion of investigation or trials by military or foreign authorities.

Approval authority of IFSTE is HQDA assignments authority in grade of Colonel (O-6) or above, HQDA DCS, G-1 and Human Resource Command. HQDA DCS, G-1 is the approval authority for 180 day IFSTE for critical operations, unit inactivation, and for when schools start date does not coincide with DEROS. On a case-by-case HQDA DCS, G-1 may also approve IFSTE for periods up to 60 days to support military field exercises or operations not involving hostilities. HQDA assignments may approve IFSTE in 60 days **increments** or less for completion of required administrative actions, for example, Soldiers undergoing separation processing, MMRB, MEB, and/or PEB processing, compliance with host-country customs and regulations, or nonjudicial punishment, and court-martial.

An approved IFSTE does not constitute a basis to retain Soldier beyond their scheduled ETS or ESA. HQDA assignment authorities and OCONUS ACOM/ASCC/DRCs may disapprove IFSTE requests. Soldiers within 30 days of DEROS are not eligible for IFSTE; therefore, Leaders must submitted request into HRC early to have them processed before Soldier comes to within 30 days of DEROS. The exception is to extend a Soldier for adverse action.

Two common issues units ought to remember as it pertains to managing IFSTEs. First, if the Soldier is pending an unfavorable action and the flag is not indicated on their ERB/ORB then HRC will not approve the IFSTE. Secondly, units are not the authority to change DEROS dates. If they alter a DEROS without going through HRC the Soldier's report date to their gaining unit will remain the same. Subsequently, now the Soldier is a no show or AWOL to their gaining unit.

For further information, contact your local S-1/ G-1 for questions and training.

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