

Army is adding 8 weeks to OSUT

The Army is on a quest to build better soldiers from top to bottom, and the next step might be to extend the amount of time spent making them.

The Army is moving forward with a pilot program to extend infantry one-station unit training by eight weeks, according to the service's top enlisted soldier.

"We have packed a lot into basic training," we have "and we need to extend it," Sergeant Major of the Army Dan Da reporters on Monday. "We know we can make a better product."

Leadership first publicly announced the idea back in March, when infantry school commandant Brig. Gen. Christopher Donahue spoke at the AUSA Global Force Symposium in Huntsville, Alabama.

"What we want, ultimately, is we want any soldier who graduates from OSUT, that they can immediately go and join any formation that they need to go to, no matter what phase of the sustained readiness model they're in," Donahue told Army Times of what was then an idea to extend to 21 weeks.[READ MORE...](#)