



UNITED STATES
CIVILIAN BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

September 22, 2017

CBCA 5762-TRAV

In the Matter of ÉMILE PITRE III

Émile Pitre III, APO Area Europe, Claimant.

Anne Schmitt-Shoemaker, Deputy Director, Finance Center, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Millington, TN, appearing for Department of Defense.

CHADWICK, Board Judge.

Émile Pitre III is a civilian employee of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, stationed in Europe. In December 2016, he and his family visited the continental United States on overseas tour renewal travel. *See* Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) 302-3.211 (41 CFR 302-3.211 (2016)). The agency reimbursed him for the actual round trip airfare between Germany and Seattle, Washington, his home of record, departing December 9 and returning December 27. He seeks review of the agency's denial of reimbursement for the additional cost of round trip flights from Seattle to Boise, Idaho, and back, while his family was in this country. The agency properly denied the claim.

Mr. Pitre argues that he saved the Government money, because the tickets he purchased, including the side trip to Boise, cost less than a round trip from Germany to Seattle on a government contract carrier. This does not matter. Renewal travel occurs "between [the employee's] overseas post of duty and [the employee's] actual place of residence in the U.S.," FTR 302-3.211, or directly "to another U.S. location (other than from [the employee's] actual place of residence)." FTR 302-3.220; *see* Joint Travel Regulations 5826-B.1(b)(2). The agency did not, and could not, authorize reimbursement for personal travel between Mr. Pitre's home of record and another location in this country.

As in other cases, “[c]laimant also maintains that the agency has compensated other employees for travel costs similar to those denied to him. Any such payments do not alter claimant’s relief, which is limited by the regulations. Claimant has not demonstrated that he recovered less than the permissible authorized expenses.” *Paul S. Hackett*, CBCA 2619-TRAV, 12-1 BCA ¶ 35,009, at 172,044.

Decision

The claim is denied.

KYLE CHADWICK
Board Judge