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Form 8-K

April 25, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported):  
April 25, 2005 (April 19, 2005)

AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORPORATION

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Tennessee	01-13031	62-1674303
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

111 Westwood Place, Suite 200 Brentwood, Tennessee	37027
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

(615) 221-2250

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors;  
Appointment of Principal Officers

On April 19, 2005, Christopher J. Coates resigned as a member of the Board of Directors of American Retirement Corporation (including in his capacity as a member of the Company's Quality Assurance Committee) in order to explore other business opportunities. Mr. Coates did not resign because of any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

The vacancy on the Board of Directors resulting from the resignation of Mr. Coates will be filled at a later date.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORPORATION

By: /s/ Bryan D. Richardson

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Bryan D. Richardson  
Executive Vice President - Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 22, 2005

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