

AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MORRIS JOHN A JR MD**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP [ACR]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**243 MEDICAL CENTER  
 SOUTH, 2100 PIERCE AVENUE**

(Street)

**NASHVILLE, TN 37212**

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/18/2005**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/18/2005		S	1,800	D \$ 23.1	147,576	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005		S	600	D \$ 23.11	146,976	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005		S	200	D \$ 23.12	146,776	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005		S	400	D \$ 23.13	146,376	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005		S	1,000	D \$ 23.14	145,376	I	By a partnership

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Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	61,200	D	\$ 23.15	84,176	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	16,100	D	\$ 23.16	68,076	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	1,100	D	\$ 23.18	66,976	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	200	D	\$ 23.19	66,776	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	100	D	\$ 23.21	66,676	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	100	D	\$ 23.22	66,576	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	100	D	\$ 23.27	66,476	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	100	D	\$ 23.29	66,376	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	1,800	D	\$ 23.3	64,576	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	1,900	D	\$ 23.34	62,676	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 23.35	61,376	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	100	D	\$ 23.36	61,276	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	100	D	\$ 23.39	61,176	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	100	D	\$ 23.41	61,076	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	9,400	D	\$ 23.43	51,676	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	500	D	\$ 23.44	51,176	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	200	D	\$ 23.47	50,976	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	400	D	\$ 23.48	50,576	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	700	D	\$ 23.5	49,876	I	By a partnership
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	400	D	\$ 23.52	49,476	I	By a partnership
	11/18/2005	S	100	D		49,376	I	

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Common Stock	\$ 23.59		By a partnership
Common Stock	209,114	I	By a partnership

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

MORRIS JOHN A JR MD  
243 MEDICAL CENTER SOUTH  
2100 PIERCE AVENUE  
NASHVILLE, TN 37212

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## Signatures

/s/ John A. Morris, Jr.                      11/22/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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