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Form 8-K

May 24, 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): May 24, 2005 (May 18, 2005)

AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Tennessee

01-13031

62-1674303

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

111 Westwood Place, Suite 200
Brentwood, Tennessee

37027

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(615) 221-2250

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

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

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Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the
Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

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On May 18, 2005, our shareholders approved an amendment to the American Retirement Corporation Associate Stock Purchase Plan to increase the number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance pursuant to the plan from 500,000 shares to 1,000,000 shares.

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

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

Date: May 24, 2005