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April 17, 2006

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 13, 2006 (April 17, 2006)

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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to
simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the
following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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CFR 240.14a-12)

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

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On April 13, 2006, John A. Morris, Jr., M.D. notified our Board of Directors that he will not stand for re-election to the Board of Directors at our 2006 annual meeting of shareholders to be held on May 17, 2006, when his current term expires. Dr. Morris also tendered his resignation from the Board of Directors effective as of the date of the annual meeting due to other time commitments. There are no disagreements between Dr. Morris and us that caused or contributed to his decision not to stand for re-election.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On April 17, 2006, we issued a press release regarding Dr. Morris' decision to not stand for re-election. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated April 17, 2006

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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

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

Date: April 17, 2006

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number -----	Description -----
99.1	Press Release dated April 17, 2006

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