

AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
A SEWARD JAMES R (Last) (First) (Middle)			11/15/2005	AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP [ACR]	
C/O AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORPORATION, 111 WESTWOOD PLACE, SUITE 200 (Street)			(Check all applicable)		
BRENTWOOD, TN 37027-5035 (City) (State) (Zip)			___X___ Director _____ 10% Owner ___ Officer _____ Other (specify below)		
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) ___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	100,000	D	^

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SEWARD JAMES R C/O AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORPORATION 111 WESTWOOD PLACE, SUITE 200 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027-5035	X	^	^	^

## Signatures

/s/ James R. 11/22/2005  
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        Signature of Date  
Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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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