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Form 8-K

January 13, 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):  
January 13, 2006 (January 12, 2006)

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)

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(Commission  
File Number)

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

111 Westwood Place, Suite 200  
Brentwood, Tennessee

37027

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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(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

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Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On January 12, 2006, American Retirement Corporation issued a press release announcing 2005 and 2006 earnings guidance. 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 January 12, 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

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

Date: January 12, 2006

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EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit<br>Number<br>----- | Description<br>-----                 |
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| 99.1                       | Press Release dated January 12, 2006 |

