

AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP  
Form 4  
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Jarvis David R

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/31/2005

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

C/O MERCURY REAL ESTATE ADVISORS LLC, 100 FIELD POINT ROAD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

GREENWICH, CT 06830

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	05/31/2005		P	22,000 A \$ 13.58	4,436,600	I	See Footnote <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock <u>(2)</u>	05/31/2005		P	22,000 A \$ 13.58	4,436,600	I	See Footnote <u>(4)</u>

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

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of the pecuniary interest, if any, in such shares as a result of his membership interest in Advisors, which has a contingent right to receive a performance-based advisory fee from the Managed Accounts. That performance-based fee qualifies for the exemption set forth in Rule 16a-1(a)(2)(ii)(C) except in the limited circumstances where an investor in a Managed Account joins or withdraws from a Managed Account.

- (2) These shares were acquired by Advisors on behalf of the Managed Accounts. Mr. Malcolm F. MacLean IV is a managing member of Advisors. Mr. MacLean disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held directly by the Managed Accounts, except to the extent of the pecuniary interest, if any, in such shares as a result of his membership interest in Advisors, which has a contingent right to receive a performance-based advisory fee from the Managed Accounts. That performance-based fee qualifies for the exemption set forth in Rule 16a-1(a)(2)(ii)(C) except in the limited circumstances where an investor in a Managed Account joins or withdraws from a Managed Account.

- (3) The shares reported in Column 5 are held directly by certain private investment funds (the "Funds") and the Managed Accounts, for which Advisors serves as the investment adviser. Mr. Jarvis disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held directly by the Funds and the Managed Accounts, except to the extent of the pecuniary interest, if any, in such shares as a result of his membership interest in Advisors, which has a contingent right to receive a performance-based advisory fee from each of the Funds and Managed Accounts. That performance-based fee qualifies for the exemption set forth in Rule 16a-1(a)(2)(ii)(C), except in the limited circumstances where an investor in a Fund or Managed Account joins or withdraws from such Fund or Managed Account, as applicable.

- (4) The shares reported in Column 5 are held directly by the Funds and the Managed Accounts, for which Advisors serves as the investment adviser. Mr. MacLean disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held directly by the Funds and the Managed Accounts, except to the extent of the pecuniary interest, if any, in such shares as a result of his membership interest in Advisors, which has a contingent right to receive a performance-based advisory fee from each of the Funds and Managed Accounts. That performance-based fee qualifies for the exemption set forth in Rule 16a-1(a)(2)(ii)(C), except in the limited circumstances where an investor in a Fund or Managed Account joins or withdraws from such Fund or Managed Account, as applicable.

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