

ASTRO MED INC /NEW/  
Form 8-K  
March 21, 2006

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 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)

March 21, 2006

**ASTRO-MED, INC**

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER      0-13200

**RHODE ISLAND**  
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF  
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)  
**600 EAST GREENWICH AVENUE, WEST WARWICK, RI 02893**

**05-0318215**  
(IRS EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION  
NUMBER)

(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES, INCLUDING ZIP CODE)

(401-828-4000)

(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)



**ITEM 8.01. Other Events**

On March 21, 2006, Astro-Med, Inc. issued a press release in which it announced that the Board of Directors, at their meeting on March 20, 2006, raised the quarterly cash dividend from \$0.04 to \$0.05 payable on April 3, 2006 to shareholders of record on March 24, 2006. A copy of the press release relating to such announcement, dated March 21, 2006, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

This information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c)	Exhibit
Exhibit no.	Exhibit
99.1	Press Release dated March 21, 2006

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

DATE: March 21, 2006

ASTRO-MED, INC.

**By:** s/ Joseph P. O. Connell  
Joseph P. O. Connell  
Vice President, Treasurer  
and Chief Financial  
Officer

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