AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP
Form 4
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# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Leebron John F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

111 WESTWOOD PLACE, SUITE 200

(Street)

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP [ACR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/19/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. Vice Pres. - Legal Svcs.

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 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/19/2006 | | F | | 6,525 (1) | D | $ 32.9 | 27,182 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/21/2006 | | M | | 6,000 | A | $ 2 | 33,182 | 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**
**(*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | $ 2 | 07/21/2006 | | M | | | 6,000 | 05/01/2004(2) | 05/01/2013 | Common Stock | 6,000 |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Leebron John F<br>111 WESTWOOD PLACE, SUITE 200<br>BRENTWOOD, TN 37027 | | | Sr. Vice Pres. - Legal Svcs. | |

# Signatures

| /s/ John F. Leebron | 07/21/2006 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

# Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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).

**(1)** On July 19, 2006, a tranche of restricted stock owned by the reporting person vested and the vesting provisions of additional tranches of restricted stock were accelerated due to the approval by American Retirement Corporation's ("the Company") shareholders of a plan of merger between the Company and Brookdale Senior Living, Inc. 6,525 shares were withheld from the shares delivered to the reporting person in order to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligation.

**(2)** The option vested ratably in three annual installments beginning May 1, 2004.

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