

AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP

Form 8-K

September 12, 2002

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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): September 12, 2002 (September 12, 2002)

AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its 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)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 221-2250

Not Applicable

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5. Other Events

On September 12, 2002, American Retirement Corporation ( ARC ) issued a press release announcing that it has amended the terms of its exchange offer for its 5 3/4% Convertible Subordinated Debentures due 2002 and extended the expiration date of the exchange offer to September 25, 2002. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Information and Exhibits.

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not Applicable.

(c) Exhibits:

(99) Press Release dated September 12, 2002.

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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

Date: September 12, 2002 By: /s/ W.E. Sheriff

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Name: W.E. Sheriff

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Title: Chief Executive Officer

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| No.                                                     | Exhibit |
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| 99 Press<br>Release,<br>dated<br>September<br>12, 2002. |         |