

RUNK FRED J  
Form 4  
February 24, 2003

<b>FORM 4</b>		U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549		OMB APPROVAL	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations continue. See Instruction 1(b)		<b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP</b>  Filed pursuant to section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utilities Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940		OMB Number  : 3235-0287 Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5	
(Print or Type Responses)					
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
Runk Fred J.  (Last) (First)		AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. (AFG)		Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
One East Fourth Street  (Street)		3. IRS Identification Number, Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year  February 20, 2003	
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  (City) (State)		5. If Amendment		-  <u>Senior Vice President &amp; Treasurer</u>	
Table I - Non-derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of or Beneficially Owned		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing  (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	
4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned		6. Nature of Relationship of In-Direct Bene-	

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	(Month/ Day/ Year)	(Month/ Day/ Year)	Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transactions (Instr. 3 and 4)	(D) or Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)	Official Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock								241,443	D	
Common Stock								6,338.55	I	In ESPP Account (a)
Common Stock								1,356	I	In DRIP Plan (b)

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

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\*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction  
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or B

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Deriv- ative	3. Trans- action Date	3A Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transac- tion Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Deriv- ative Securities Ac- quired (A) or Dis- posed 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)		8. Price of Deriv- ative Securi- ty	9. N of D of D ative Secu- rities Bene
	Security	(Month/ Day/ Year)	(Month/ Day/ Year)					Date	Expiration		Amount or	(Instr. 5)	icial Own at En of
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares		Mon (Instr.
Employee Stock  Option	\$18.45	2/20/03		A		35,000		(c)	2/23/13	Common  Stock	35,000		3

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Explanation of Responses:

(a)

These shares were allocated to the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan as of December 31, 2002.

(b)

These shares were held in the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan as of December 31, 2002.

(c)

These Employee Stock Options ("Options") become exercisable as to 20% of the shares initially granted on the first anniversary of the date of grant, with an additional 20% becoming exercisable on each subsequent anniversary. The Options were granted under the Issuer's Stock Option Plan pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions  
of facts constitute Federal Criminal  
Violations.  
See

Fred J. Runk  
February 24,  
2003  
\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Date  
**Fred J. Runk**

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Note: File three copies of this Form, one  
of which must be manually signed.

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instruction 6 for procedure.