

**FORM 4**

**U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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(Print or Type Responses)

Last Report Filed: September 2002

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person</b>  <b>Runk Fred J.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle)  <b>One East Fourth Street</b> (Street)  <b>Cincinnati, Ohio 45202</b> (City) (State) (Zip)		<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. (AFG)</b>		<b>6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)  <b>Senior Vice President &amp; Treasurer</b>	
		<b>3. IRS Identification, Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)</b>		<b>4. Statement for Month/Day/Year</b>  <b>October 25, 2002</b>	
		<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</b>		<b>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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 (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (I) or Indirect (D) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/25/02		P		37	A	\$23.19	241,238	D	
Common Stock								6,133.3893	I	In ESPP Account (a)
Common Stock								728	I	In DRIP Plan (b)
Common Stock										
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly .  
\*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v)

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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	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security (Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4))	11. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Exercisable Date					

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, 2001.
- (b) These shares were held in the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan as of December 31, 2001.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.  
If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.