

BANTA GEOFFREY R

Form 4

May 19, 2011

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BANTA GEOFFREY R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2301 HIGHWAY 190 WEST

(Street)

DERIDDER, LA 70634

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
AMERISAFE INC [AMSF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/17/2011

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)

President and COO

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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$.01   | 05/17/2011                              |                                                             | M                                       | 5,000                                                                   | A \$ 9 5,000                                                                                                       | D                                                                    |                                         |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$.01   | 05/17/2011                              |                                                             | S                                       | 5,000                                                                   | D \$ 22.25 0<br>(1)                                                                                                | D                                                                    |                                         |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$.01   | 05/18/2011                              |                                                             | M                                       | 5,000                                                                   | A \$ 9 5,000                                                                                                       | D                                                                    |                                         |
| Common<br>Stock, par                  | 05/18/2011                              |                                                             | S                                       | 5,000                                                                   | D \$ 0 22.28                                                                                                       | D                                                                    |                                         |

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| value \$.01                         |            |  |   |       | (2) |                    |         |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$.01 | 05/19/2011 |  | M | 5,000 | A   | \$ 9               | 5,000 D |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$.01 | 05/19/2011 |  | S | 2,500 | D   | \$<br>22.57<br>(3) | 2,500 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V (A) (D)                                                                                                       | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 9                                                                  | 05/17/2011                              |                                                             | M                                       | 5,000                                                                                                           | 11/17/2008                                                     | 11/17/2015         | Common<br>Stock, par<br>value<br>\$.01                              | 5,000                                  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 9                                                                  | 05/18/2011                              |                                                             | M                                       | 5,000                                                                                                           | 11/17/2008                                                     | 11/17/2015         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 5,000                                  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 9                                                                  | 05/19/2011                              |                                                             | M                                       | 5,000                                                                                                           | 11/17/2008                                                     | 11/17/2015         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 5,000                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|                                                                 | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| BANTA GEOFFREY R<br>2301 HIGHWAY 190 WEST<br>DERIDDER, LA 70634 |               |           | President and COO |       |

## Signatures

/s/Todd Walker, attorney-in-fact for Geoffrey R.  
Banta

05/19/2011

\_\_\_\_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) The price shown is a weighted average price. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$22.25 to \$22.29.
- (2) The price shown is a weighted average price. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$22.25 to \$22.32.
- (3) The price shown is a weighted average price. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$22.50 to \$22.65.

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