

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC

Form 4

August 13, 2013

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WALSH PETER

(Last) (First) (Middle)

16633 VENTURA
BOULEVARD, SUITE 1050

(Street)

ENCINO, CA 91436

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
AMERISTAR CASINOS INC
[ASCA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/13/2013

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)
SVP, GC, Chief Admin Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	08/13/2013		D		68,906	D \$ 26.5 (1)	0	D	
Common Stock	08/13/2013		D		65,010	D \$ 26.5 (2)	0	I	Family Trust (3)

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 Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.68	08/13/2013		D		73,490		<u>(4)</u>	07/25/2022	Common Stock	73,490
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.62	08/13/2013		D		133,656		<u>(4)</u>	11/21/2021	Common Stock	133,656
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.57	08/13/2013		D		33,800		<u>(4)</u>	07/25/2018	Common Stock	33,800
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.62	08/13/2013		D		28,540		<u>(4)</u>	07/30/2020	Common Stock	28,540
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.62	08/13/2013		D		34,090		<u>(4)</u>	07/31/2019	Common Stock	34,090
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.3	08/13/2013		D		42,944		<u>(4)</u>	12/16/2014	Common Stock	42,944
Employee Stock Option (Right to	\$ 22.09	08/13/2013		D		28,670		<u>(4)</u>	07/29/2021	Common Stock	28,670

Buy)

Employee

Stock

Option \$ 22.87 08/13/2013

D

40,718

(4)

12/15/2015

Common
Stock

40,718

(Right to

Buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WALSH PETER 16633 VENTURA BOULEVARD SUITE 1050 ENCINO, CA 91436			SVP, GC, Chief Admin Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Peter C. 08/13/2013
Walsh

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) Pursuant to the terms of the issuer's applicable stock incentive plans and the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger") among the issuer, Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., and certain affiliates of Pinnacle, vesting of restricted stock units included in these securities (if not already vested) was accelerated and such units were cancelled in the Merger in exchange for a cash payment equal to \$26.50, the price payable by the acquirer in the Merger (the "Merger Price") for each share receivable in respect of such units.

(2) Pursuant to the Merger, all outstanding shares of common stock of the issuer were cancelled in exchange for the right to receive the Merger Price in cash.

(3) Securities owned by the Walsh Family Trust dated 9-11-03, of which Mr. Walsh and his spouse are co-trustees.

(4) Pursuant to the issuer's applicable stock incentive plans and the terms of the Merger, vesting of these options (if not already vested) was accelerated and such options were cancelled in the Merger in exchange for a cash payment, per share, equal to the difference between the Merger Price and the exercise price of the option.

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