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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendments No.)*

Ares Capital Corp.

(Name of Issuer)

Common

(Title of Class Securities)

04010L103

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2004

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosure provided in a prior cover page.

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1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP No. 04010L103

1. Name of Reporting Persons.
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).
Osterweis Capital Management, Inc.
94-2871718

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)
(b)

3. SEC Use Only.....

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization California.....

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With:
5. Sole Voting Power 109,350.....
6. Shared Voting Power
7. Sole Dispositive Power 109,350.....
8. Shared Dispositive Power

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 109,350..

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10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares
(See Instructions) N/A.....

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 0.99%.....

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IA

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1. Name of Reporting Persons.
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

Osterweis Capital Management, LLC
94-3268572

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only.....

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization California.....

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Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With:
5. Sole Voting Power 504,650.....

6. Shared Voting Power

7. Sole Dispositive Power 497,650.....

8. Shared Dispositive Power

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 504,650..

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares
(See Instructions) N/A.....

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 4.56%.....

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IA

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CUSIP No. 04010L103

1. Name of Reporting Persons.
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

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John S. Osterweis

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only.....

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization California.....

Number of 5. Sole Voting Power 614,000.....

Shares Bene-

ficially Owned

by Each 6. Shared Voting Power

Reporting

Person With:

7. Sole Dispositive Power 607,000.....

8. Shared Dispositive Power

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 614,000..

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares
(See Instructions) N/A.....

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 5.55%.....

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IN

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Item 1.

(a) Name of Issuer

Ares Capital Corp.

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

1999 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 1900
Los Angeles, CA 90067

Item 2.

(a) Name of Person Filing

- (i) Osterweis Capital Management, Inc.
- (ii) Osterweis Capital Management, LLC
- (iii) John S. Osterweis

(b) Address of Principal Business office or, if None, Residence

- (i) One Maritime Plaza, Suite 800, San Francisco CA 94111
- (ii) One Maritime Plaza, Suite 800, San Francisco CA 94111
- (iii) One Maritime Plaza, Suite 800, San Francisco CA 94111

(c) Citizenship

- (i) CA Corporation
- (ii) CA Limited Liability Company
- (iii) U.S. Citizen

(d) Title of Class Securities

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Common

(e) CUSIP Number

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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Sections 240.13d-1(b), or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b) Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8).
- (e) An investment adviser in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j) Group, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4. Ownership

Common Stock:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 614,000

(b) Percent of Class: 5.55%

(c) Number of shares as to which the joint filers have:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 614,000

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

607,000

(iv) shared power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of:

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date

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hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class securities, check the following |_|.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person. N/A

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Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.
N/A

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.
N/A

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.
N/A

Item 10. Certification:

(a) The following certification shall be included if the statement is filed pursuant to Section 240.13d-1(b):

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held I the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Date: 2/14/05

SIGNATURE

/s/ John S. Osterweis

Signature

By: John S. Osterweis, President of
Osterweis Capital Management, Inc.

/s/ John S. Osterweis

Signature

By: John S. Osterweis, President of
Osterweis Capital Management, LLC

/s/ John S. Osterweis

Signature

By: John S. Osterweis, Control Person of
Osterweis Capital Management, Inc. and
Osterweis Capital Management, LLC

EXHIBIT A

Joint Filing Agreement Pursuant to Rule 13d-1

This agreement is made pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) (ii) (J) and Rule 13d-1(k) (1) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") by and among the parties listed below, each referred to herein as a "Joint Filer." The Joint Filers agree that a statement of beneficial ownership as required by Sections 13(g) or 13(d) of the Act and the Rules thereunder may be filed on each of their behalf on Schedule 13G or Schedule 13D, as appropriate, and that said joint filing may thereafter be amended by further joint filings. The Joint Filers state that they each satisfy the requirements for making a joint filing under Rule 13d-1.

Dated: 2/14/05

/s/ John S. Osterweis

Signature

By: John S. Osterweis, President of
Osterweis Capital Management, Inc.

/s/ John S. Osterweis

Signature

By: John S. Osterweis, President of
Osterweis Capital Management, LLC

/s/ John S. Osterweis

Signature

By: John S. Osterweis, Control Person of
Osterweis Capital Management, Inc. and
Osterweis Capital Management, LLC