
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**DATE OF REPORT
(DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED)**

December 17, 2012

ASTRO-MED, INC

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 0-13200

RHODE ISLAND

**(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)**

05-0318215

(IRS EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATIONNUMBER)

**600 EAST GREENWICH AVENUE, WEST WARWICK, RI 02893
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES, INCLUDING ZIP CODE)**

(401-828-4000)

(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

Item 8.01. Other Events

Astro-Med, Inc. (the "Company") announced that its Board of Directors has declared an additional cash dividend of \$0.07 per share of outstanding common stock payable on December 31, 2012, to shareholders of record as of the close of business on December 27, 2012.

The Company's press release dated December 18, 2012, announcing this additional dividend, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99.1	Press Release dated December 18, 2012

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ASTRO-MED, INC.

Date December 18, 2012

By: /s/ Joseph P. O'Connell

Joseph P. O'Connell
Senior Vice President, Treasurer and Chief
Financial Officer

PRESS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

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December 18, 2012**ASTRO-MED DECLARES AN EXTRA DIVIDEND BEFORE YEAR END**

WEST WARWICK, RI, December 18, 2012 -- The Board of Directors of Astro-Med, Inc. (NASDAQ:ALOT) on December 17, 2012 declared a special cash dividend of \$0.07 per share, payable on December 31, 2012 to shareholders of record as of December 27, 2012.

This dividend is in addition to the Company's regular quarterly \$0.07 dividend declared on November 19th and payable on December 27, 2012.

"Given the uncertainty of the federal tax treatment of dividends, the Board felt it was in the best interests of our shareholders to declare this additional dividend," stated Everett V. Pizzuti, President and Chief Executive Officer.

About Astro-Med, Inc.

Astro-Med, Inc. is a leading manufacturer of specialty high tech printing systems, electronic medical instrumentation, and test and measurement data acquisition systems. Astro-Med, Inc. products are sold under the brand names Astro-Med®, Grass®Technologies and QuickLabel®Systems, and are employed around the world in a wide range of aerospace, medical, military, industrial, labeling and packaging applications. Astro-Med, Inc. is a member of the Russell Microcap® Index. Additional information is available by visiting www.Astro-MedInc.com.

Safe Harbor Statement

This news release contains forward-looking statements, and actual results may vary from those expressed or implied herein. Factors that could affect these results include those mentioned in Astro-Med's FY2012 annual report and its annual and quarterly filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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