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# FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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**SECURITIES** 

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Von Thaer Lewis

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP

(Check all applicable)

[GD]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year)

03/07/2012

X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Vice President

C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION, 2941 FAIRVIEW

(Street)

PARK DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	03/07/2012		A	2,900 (1)	A	\$0	43,899	D	
Common Stock,	03/07/2012		A	2,900	A	\$ 0	46,799	D	

(2)

401(k) Plan

value

\$1.00 par

Common  $1,203.0049 \stackrel{(3)}{=} I$ Stock,

\$1.00 par value

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)	Code Securities		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 or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 71.01	03/07/2012		A	31,070	<u>(4)</u>	03/06/2019	Common Stock	31,070

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Von Thaer Lewis C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION 2941 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042

Vice President

## **Signatures**

Neal Wheeler, by power of attorney 03/09/2012

\*\*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) Represents shares of restricted stock subject to service-based vesting that will be released approximately four years after the grant date.
- Represents a target number of restricted stock units ("RSUs") each of which entitles the Reporting Person to receive one share of General Dynamics common stock. The number of RSUs ultimately earned by the Reporting Person will be determined based on a performance metric tied to return on invested capital during the year of grant, and may range from 0% to 200% of the target amount. Following the performance period, the earned RSUs are subject to an additional three year time-vesting period.

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- (3) Includes share activity under General Dynamics 401(k) plan since date of reporting person's last ownership report.
- (4) Fifty percent become exercisable on 3/7/2013 and the remaining fifty percent become exercisable on 3/7/2014.

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