

Von Thaer Lewis  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Von Thaer Lewis

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP  
[GD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/07/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION, 2941 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	03/07/2012		A		<u>2,900</u> <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 0 43,899	D	
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	03/07/2012		A		<u>2,900</u> <sup>(2)</sup> A \$ 0 46,799	D	
Common Stock,					1,203.0049 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	401(k) Plan

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\$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)

Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 4. Deemed Execution Date, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities. Row 1: Stock Options, \$ 71.01, 03/07/2012, A, 31,070, (4), 03/06/2019, Common Stock, 31,070.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Von Thae Lewis, C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION, 2941 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE, FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042. Relationships: Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Vice President, Other.

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.
(2) 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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