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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Von Thaer Lewis

Symbol GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP

(Check all applicable)

[GD]

(Last)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

Vice President

(Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2012

below)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION, 2941 FAIRVIEW

(Street)

(State)

(First)

PARK DRIVE

(City)

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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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) open Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)			
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	03/16/2012		M	29,044	A	\$ 40.09	75,843	D			
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	03/16/2012		F	1,368	D	\$ 73.064	74,475	D			
Common Stock,	03/16/2012		S	19,708	D	\$ 73.01 (1)	54,767	D			

\$1.00 par value

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value

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401(k) Plan

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 40.09	03/16/2012		M	29,044	<u>(3)</u>	03/03/2014	Common Stock	29,044

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

Julie P. Aslaksen, by power of attorney 03/19/2012

**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).

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- (1) Sale prices ranged from \$72.88 to \$73.15. Reporting Person will provide, upon request by the Commission staff, General Dynamics, or a General Dynamics shareholder, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate sales price.
- (2) Includes share activity under General Dynamics 401(k) plan since date of reporting person's last ownership report.
- (3) Fifty percent became exercisable on 3/4/10 and the remaining fifty percent became exercisable on 3/4/11.

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