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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP

[GD]

(Check all applicable)

Vice President

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

03/06/2013

Director X_ Officer (give title _ below)

10% Owner __ Other (specify

C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION, 2941 FAIRVIEW

(Street)

(First)

PARK DRIVE

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non	n-D	Perivative Sec	urities	Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities and Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and Amount	of (D)	red (A)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	03/05/2013			•	2,990.637 (1)	D	\$ 0	49,540	D	
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	03/06/2013		A		2,620 (2)	A	\$ 0	52,160	D	
Common Stock,	03/06/2013		A	V	2,620 (3)	A	\$0	54,780	D	

\$1.00 par value

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value

1,202.69 (4) I

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 onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 I S (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Stock Options	\$ 67.7	03/06/2013		A	40,180	<u>(5)</u>	03/05/2020	Common Stock	40,180		

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 03/08/2013

**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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- Represents restricted stock units ("RSUs") granted in 2012 and accrued dividend equivalents that were forfeited due to the performance **(1)** metric not being met.
- (2) 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 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.
- (4) Includes share activity under General Dynamics 401(k) plan since date of reporting person's last ownership report.
- (5) Fifty percent become exercisable on 3/6/2014 and the remaining fifty percent become exercisable on 3/6/2015.

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