

JOHNSON JAY L
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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 *
JOHNSON JAY L

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)
03/29/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman & CEO

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---------|-------------|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 par value | 03/29/2012 | | M | | 338,442 | A | \$ 40.09 757,784 | D | | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 par value | 03/29/2012 | | S | | 251,961 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 72.056 <u>(2)</u> | 505,823 | D | |
| Common Stock, | | | | | | | 768,2937 <u>(3)</u> | I | 401(k) Plan | |

\$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) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--|---|--------------|---------|
| | | | | | Acquired (A) | Disposed of (D) | | | | |
| Stock Options | \$ 40.09 | 03/29/2012 | | M | V | (A) 338,442 | (D) <u>(4)</u> | 03/03/2014 | Common Stock | 338,442 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JOHNSON JAY L C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION 2941 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042 | X | | Chairman & CEO | |

Signatures

Julie P. Aslaksen, by power of attorney
03/30/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Reflects shares sold primarily to cover exercise price, taxes and other costs in connection with an option exercise. As a result of the option exercise, the number of shares held by the Reporting Person increased by 86,481 shares.
- (2) Sale prices ranged from \$72.00 to \$72.315. 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.
- (3) Includes share activity under General Dynamics 401(k) plan since date of reporting person's last ownership report.
- (4) Fifty percent became exercisable 3/4/10 and the remaining fifty percent became exercisable 3/4/11.

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