

HELM ROBERT W
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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 *
HELM ROBERT W

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 _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior 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
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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		6,860 (1) \$ 0 39,350	D	
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	03/07/2012		A		6,860 (2) \$ 0 46,210	D	

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 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 71.01	03/07/2012		A	73,410	⁽³⁾ 03/06/2019	Common Stock	73,410

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HELM ROBERT W C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION 2941 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042			Senior 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Fifty percent become exercisable on 3/7/2013 and the remaining fifty percent become exercisable on 3/7/2014.

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