

HELM ROBERT W  
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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 \*  
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  
 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                              |   | 6,860<br>(1) A \$ 0 39,350  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 par value  | 03/07/2012                           |  | A                              |   | 6,860<br>(2) A \$ 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. 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.
- (2) Fifty percent become exercisable on 3/7/2013 and the remaining fifty percent become exercisable on 3/7/2014.

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