

Poitras Kevin J
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Â Poitras Kevin J
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/02/2012

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP [GD]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION,Â 2941 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE
 (Street)

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 Vice President

FALLS CHURCH,Â VAÂ 22042
 (City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	5,500	D	Â
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	1,130 ⁽¹⁾	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Stock Options	03/07/2013 ⁽²⁾	03/06/2019	Common Stock	12,070	\$ 71.01	D	Â
Stock Options	03/02/2012 ⁽³⁾	03/01/2018	Common Stock	12,810	\$ 74.81	D	Â
Stock Options	03/03/2011 ⁽⁴⁾	03/02/2015	Common Stock	10,400	\$ 73.49	D	Â
Stock Options	03/05/2009 ⁽⁵⁾	03/04/2013	Common Stock	12,050	\$ 82.78	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Poitras Kevin J C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION 2941 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

Signatures

Neal Wheeler, by power of attorney
Date: 05/04/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 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.
 - (3) Fifty percent became exercisable on 3/2/12 and the remaining fifty percent become exercisable on 3/2/13.
 - (4) Fifty percent became exercisable on 3/3/11 and the remaining fifty percent became exercisable on 3/3/12.
 - (5) Fifty percent became exercisable on 3/5/09 and the remaining fifty percent became exercisable on 3/5/10.

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