BANTA GEOFFREY R
Form 4
March 13, 2013

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] **BANTA GEOFFREY R**	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol **AMERISAFE INC [AMSF]**	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/13/2013	(Check all applicable) _____ Director _____ 10% Owner __X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below) President and COO
2301 HIGHWAY 190 WEST		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
DERIDDER, LA 70634		
(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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value $0.01	03/13/2013		M		6,000	A	$ 9	11,500	D	
Common Stock, par value $0.01	03/13/2013		S		3,010	D	$ 33.56 (1)	8,490	D	

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

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. Derivative Sec (Ins
								Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)					
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 9	03/13/2013		M			6,000	11/17/2008	11/17/2015	Stock, par value $0.01	6,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BANTA GEOFFREY R 2301 HIGHWAY 190 WEST DERIDDER, LA 70634			President and COO	

Signatures

/s/ Geoffrey R. Banta	03/13/2013
**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).

(1)   Represents the weighted average selling price of the Issuer's common stock. The range of the sales prices were between $33.50 and $33.65. The Reporting Person undertakes, upon request, to provide the SEC, the Issuer and any security holder of the Issuer full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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