

SCHWARTZ JOHN 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 *
 SCHWARTZ JOHN W

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Vice President - Controller

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION, 2941 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/17/2009

(Street)
 FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042

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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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)
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	02/17/2009		M	10,000 A	\$ 45.67 49,000	D	
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	02/17/2009		S	9,200 D	\$ 53.0026 39,800	D	
Common Stock,					370.9137 (2)	I	401(k) Plan

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