

Woodward, Inc.
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FORM 4

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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 *
GENDRON THOMAS A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1081 WOODWARD WAY
(Street)

FORT COLLINS, CO 80524

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Woodward, Inc. [WWD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (D) or Price | | |
| Woodward, Inc. Common Stock | 02/21/2017 | | M | | 45,000 A \$ 32.73 | 254,854 | D |
| Woodward, Inc. Common Stock | 02/21/2017 | | F | | 28,464 (1) D \$ 71.19 | 226,390 | D |
| Woodward, Inc. Common Stock | | | | | | 19,725.76 | I By Woodward Retirement Savings |

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Nonqualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 32.73 | 02/21/2017 | | M | 45,000 | 11/16/2008 ⁽³⁾ 11/16/2017 ⁽³⁾ | Woodward Inc. Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GENDRON THOMAS A 1081 WOODWARD WAY FORT COLLINS, CO 80524 | X | | President and CEO | |

Signatures

Phoebe A. Larson, by Power of Attorney
02/23/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Includes (i) already owned shares of common stock delivered for payment of the exercise price and (ii) shares withheld to cover the tax liability, in each case incident to the exercise of a security issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

(2) The information in this report regarding the number of shares held by the reporting person in the Woodward Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan") is based on a calculation as of February 21, 2017 and includes 186.38 shares acquired under the Plan since the date of the reporting person's last Form 4 with Table I reporting.

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- (3) Options, which expire November 16, 2017, became exercisable as to 25% of the shares on November 16, 2008, and each one-year anniversary thereafter.

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