

Fay George R.
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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 *
 Fay George R.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CNA FINANCIAL CORP [CNA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 333 S. WABASH AVE.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/13/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

EVP, Worldwide P&C Claim

CHICAGO, IL 60604

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/13/2013		A	10,000 A \$ 31.97	15,471	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2013		F ⁽²⁾	2,070 D \$ 31.97	13,401	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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 11.51	02/13/2013		M	10,000	<u>(3)</u>	02/04/2019	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Fay George R. 333 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO, IL 60604	Director 10% Owner Officer Other EVP, Worldwide P&C Claim

Signatures

George R. Fay	02/14/2013
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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) The Reporting Person exercised 10,000 Stock Appreciation Rights and as such received a gain of 6,399 shares of the issuers common stock.
- (2) The Company's Incentive Compensation Plan (as amended as of January 1, 2010) permits the withholding of shares of common stock to satisfy tax withholding obligations of the participants.
- (3) The option became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on February 4, 2010.
- (4) The Reporting Person received the Stock Appreciation Rights at no cost.

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