

CARPENTER HAROLD R  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 CARPENTER HAROLD R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PINNACLE FINANCIAL PARTNERS INC [PNFP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 150 THIRD AVE SOUTH, SUITE 900  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/15/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & CFO

NASHVILLE, TN 37201

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

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
PNFP Common Stock	03/15/2012		A	455 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 0	73,892 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
PNFP Common Stock							21,000	I	IRA
PNFP Common Stock							8,184	I	401(k)

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARPENTER HAROLD R 150 THIRD AVE SOUTH SUITE 900 NASHVILLE, TN 37201			EVP & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ Harold R. Carpenter                      03/16/2012

\_\_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).
- Restricted stock units that were awarded, effective 3/15/2012, by the Human Resources and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc. (the "Company") pursuant to a Salary Stock Unit Award Agreement (the "Agreement"), the form of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (the "Form 8-K") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2011. The restricted stock units are immediately vested and are payable solely in a like number of shares of the Company's common stock on, or as soon as administratively practical following, December 30, 2012, or if earlier the reporting person's death (the "Settlement Date"), but in no event later than two and one-half months following the Settlement Date. For additional information regarding the restricted stock units please see the Form 8-K and the copy of the Agreement filed therewith.
- (1) Exchange Commission on March 2, 2011. The restricted stock units are immediately vested and are payable solely in a like number of shares of the Company's common stock on, or as soon as administratively practical following, December 30, 2012, or if earlier the reporting person's death (the "Settlement Date"), but in no event later than two and one-half months following the Settlement Date. For additional information regarding the restricted stock units please see the Form 8-K and the copy of the Agreement filed therewith.
  - (2) Includes 2,168 restricted salary stock units granted to the reporting person in 2012.

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