

Robbins Ira  
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 \*  
Robbins Ira

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
[VLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1455 VALLEY ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/07/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
First Sr. VP and Treasurer

WAYNE, NJ 07470  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/07/2012		A	3,640 (1)	A \$ 0 16,123	D	
Common Stock (2)					210	I	Trustee FBO Minors

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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Options	\$ 16.97					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock 3,880	
Stock Options	\$ 19.8					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock 3,695	
Stock Options	\$ 19.88					11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock 4,221	
Stock Options	\$ 18.01					07/18/2006 07/18/2015	Common Stock 336	
Stock Options	\$ 18.42					11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock 4,691	
Stock Options	\$ 20.14					11/13/2007 11/13/2016	Common Stock 4,468	
Stock Options	\$ 15.68					11/14/2008 11/14/2017	Common Stock 3,647	
Stock Options	\$ 14.95					11/17/2009 11/17/2018	Common Stock 1,158	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Robbins Ira 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470			First Sr. VP and Treasurer	

## Signatures

/s/ IRA D.  
ROBBINS 03/15/2012

\_\_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).
- (1) Restricted shares granted under VNB 2009 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in three equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (2) Adjusted for additional shares acquired through Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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