

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
 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 \*  
**RUPPERT CRAIG A**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**SANDY SPRING BANCORP,  
 INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE**

(Street)

**OLNEY, MD 20832**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
 [SASR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/18/2015**

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)

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

**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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/18/2015		A		954	A	\$ 0
Common Stock					954	D	(1)
Common Stock					66,209.4106	D	
Common Stock					438	D	(2)
Common Stock					822	D	(3)
Common Stock					1,010	D	(4)

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.96					03/26/2009 <sup>(5)</sup> 03/26/2015	Common Stock	1,260

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RUPPERT CRAIG A SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Ruppert 03/19/2015

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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 stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments annually for three years beginning April 1, 2016.
- (2) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over three years beginning March 28, 2013.

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- (3) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments annually for three years beginning April 1, 2014.
- (4) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments annually for three years beginning April 1, 2015.
- (5) Stock options fully vested and exercisable.

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