

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 22, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT**  
**TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 22, 2009 (October 22, 2009)**

**GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

**1-3671**  
(Commission)

**13-1673581**  
(IRS Employer)

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(State of Incorporation)

(File Number)

(Identification No.)

2941 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 100, Falls Church, Virginia  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

22042-4513  
(Zip Code)

(703) 876-3000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

(b) On October 22, 2009, David A. Savner, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, informed General Dynamics Corporation that he will be retiring from the company effective December 31, 2009.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION

by                    /s/ JOHN W. SCHWARTZ  
                         **John W. Schwartz**  
                         **Vice President and Controller**  
                         **(Authorized Officer and Chief Accounting Officer)**

Dated: October 22, 2009