

MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 22, 2003

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**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, 2003

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**MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

0-5127

52-0898572

(State or other jurisdiction

(Commission File

(I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

Number)

Identification No.)

Two Hopkins Plaza, P.O. Box 1477, Baltimore, Maryland 21203

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(410) 237-5900

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**

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

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**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

**Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure**

This is an optional filing made to disclose the event reported below. It is not a filing required by Regulation FD.

On October 22, 2003, the registrant issued an internal memorandum announcing the holding company management structure. A copy of the memorandum is attached as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7. Financial Statements, and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

99 Internal Memorandum

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

Mercantile Bankshares Corporation  
(Registrant)

Date: October 22, 2003

By: /s/ Terry L. Troupe

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Terry L. Troupe  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Internal Memorandum