

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 03, 2011

**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) August 3, 2011 (August 3, 2011)**

**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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of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

**2941 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 100, Falls Church, Virginia**  
( Address of Principal Executive Offices)  
**(703) 876-3000**

**22042-4513**  
(Zip Code)

(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:

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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**

(d) On August 3, 2011, the board of directors of General Dynamics Corporation elected James L. Jones as a member of the board of directors, effective immediately. Mr. Jones has been appointed as a member of the Finance and Benefit Plans Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Jones and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Jones was elected as a director. At this time, the company is not aware of any transactions with Mr. Jones that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

As a non-employee director, Mr. Jones will receive the same compensation paid to other non-employee directors of the company as disclosed under the caption Director Compensation in the company's proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 18, 2011.

A copy of the press release announcing the election of Mr. Jones is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 General Dynamics press release dated August 3, 2011, announcing the election of James L. Jones to the board of directors.

**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/ Jason W. Aiken  
Jason W. Aiken  
Vice President and Controller  
(Authorized Officer and Chief Accounting  
Officer)

Dated: August 3, 2011