

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP

Form 8-K

October 20, 2004

**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 20, 2004 (October 20, 2004)

**GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

1-3671  
(Commission  
File Number)

13-1673581  
(IRS Employer  
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:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 20, 2004, General Dynamics announced its financial results for the quarter ended October 3, 2004. A copy of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(c) Exhibits (furnished only)**

99.1 General Dynamics press release dated October 20, 2004, with respect to the company's financial results for the quarter ended October 3, 2004.

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**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

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John W. Schwartz  
Vice President and Controller  
(Authorized Officer and Chief Accounting Officer)

Dated: October 20, 2004