

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 10, 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) March 10, 2009 (March 4, 2009)**

**GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(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:

- .. 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**

Effective March 4, 2009, the Compensation Committee (the Committee) of the Board of Directors of General Dynamics Corporation (the Company) approved 2008 bonus payments to the Company's named executive officers and certain other officers of the Company and its subsidiaries. The following bonus payments to the Company's named executive officers were approved by the Committee:

<b>Name and Principal Position</b>	<b>2008 Bonus Amount</b>
Nicholas D. Chabraja <i>Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer</i>	\$ 4,500,000
L. Hugh Redd <i>Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer</i>	\$ 1,000,000
Gerard J. DeMuro <i>Executive Vice President, Information Systems and Technology</i>	\$ 1,045,000
Charles M. Hall <i>Executive Vice President, Combat Systems</i>	\$ 1,030,000
David A. Savner <i>Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary</i>	\$ 975,000

**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: March 10, 2009