GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP Form 8-K March 08, 2010

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 8, 2010 (March 2, 2010)

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

Identification No.)

(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:

- " 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 2, 2010, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of General Dynamics Corporation approved 2009 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 named executive officers were approved by the Committee:

Name and Principal Position	2009 Bonus Amount	
Jay L. Johnson	\$	2,510,000
President and Chief Executive Officer		
Nicholas D. Chabraja	\$	4,500,000
Chairman of the Board and former Chief Executive Officer		
L. Hugh Redd	\$	950,000
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer		
Gerard J. DeMuro	\$	950,000
Executive Vice President,		
Information Systems and Technology		
Charles M. Hall	\$	950,000
Executive Vice President, Combat Systems		
David A. Savner	\$	975,000

Former Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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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 John W. Schwartz

Vice President and Controller

(Authorized Officer and Chief Accounting Officer)

Dated: March 8, 2010