

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 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) December 20, 2005 (December 20, 2005)**

**GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION**

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

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(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-36711**

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(Commission File Number)

**13-1673581**

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(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2941 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 100,**

**Falls Church, Virginia**

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( Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**22042-4513**

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(Zip Code)

**(703) 876-3000**

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not Applicable**

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

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- 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))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

Michael J. Mancuso, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, has informed General Dynamics Corporation (the Company) of his intention to retire. Mr. Mancuso will continue in his role as Chief Financial Officer of the Company until his retirement, which is expected to take place during the second quarter of 2006. The Company has initiated an internal search to identify Mr. Mancuso's successor.

**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: December 20, 2005