GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP Form 8-K March 07, 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) March 7, 2011 (March 1, 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.)

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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

(e) Effective March 1, 2011, the Compensation Committee (the Committee ) of the Board of Directors of the Company approved 2010 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	2010 Bonus Amount	
Jay L. Johnson	\$	3,100,000
Chairman and 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 (1)	\$	325,000

Former Executive Vice President,

Combat Systems

The other named executive officers identified in the Company s 2010 proxy statement (Nicholas D. Chabraja and David A. Savner) were not eligible for 2010 bonuses due to their retirements from the Company in June 2009 and December 2009, respectively.

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Hall retired from the Company effective May 1, 2010.

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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/ Jason W. Aiken Jason W. Aiken

Vice President and Controller

(Authorized Officer and Chief Accounting Officer)

Dated: March 7, 2011