

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 28, 2009

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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) January 28, 2009 (January 28, 2009)

**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)

**1-3671**

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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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  - .. 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 January 28, 2009, General Dynamics announced its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is hereby incorporated by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(d) Exhibits (furnished only)**

- 99.1 General Dynamics press release dated January 28, 2009, with respect to the company's financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2008.

**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: January 28, 2009