

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP

Form 8-K

December 19, 2002

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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 19, 2002 (December 19, 2002)

**GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-3671

13-1673581

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

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(Commission  
File Number)

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(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

3190 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, Virginia

22042-4523

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Zip Code)

(703) 876-3000

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 5. Other Events

General Dynamics has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire General Motors Defense, a business unit of General Motors Corporation, for \$1.1 billion in cash. The transaction, which has been approved by the boards of directors of both companies, is subject to normal regulatory approval. It is expected to close by the end of the first quarter of 2003.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1	Press Release dated December 19, 2002, General Dynamics to Acquire GM Defense for \$1.1 Billion
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**SIGNATURE**

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 thereunto 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 19, 2002