

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP

Form 8-K

July 29, 2003

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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) July 29, 2003 (July 29, 2003)

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-3671  
(Commission  
File Number)

13-1673581  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

3190 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, Virginia  
(Address of principal executive offices)

22042-4523  
(Zip Code)

(703) 876-3000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Item 5. Other Events.**

On July 29, 2003, General Dynamics Corporation issued a press release announcing that its planned acquisition of Veridian Corporation has cleared the mandatory waiting period required under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 General Dynamics press release dated July 29,2003.

**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  
John W. Schwartz  
Vice President and Controller  
(Authorized Officer and Chief Accounting Officer)

Dated: July 29, 2003