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): September 12, 2003

AMERICAN VANGUARD CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-6354 95-2588080

(State or other jurisdiction Commission File Number (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation) Identification No.)

4695 MacArthur Court

Newport Beach, California 92660

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Registrant s telephone number: (949) 260-1200

Item 5. Other Events.

On September 12, 2003, American Vanguard Corporation issued the press release announcing that it s Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$.05 per share to be distributed on October 17, 2003 to shareholders of record as of October 3, 2003. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.3.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN VANGUARD CORPORATION

(Registrant)

By: /s/ James A. Barry

James A. Barry

Senior Vice President

Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 12, 2003

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