

AMERICAN VANGUARD CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 16, 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): September 12, 2003**

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**AMERICAN VANGUARD CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Delaware</b>	<b>0-6354</b>	<b>95-2588080</b>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	Commission File Number	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**4695 MacArthur Court**  
**Newport Beach, California 92660**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number: (949) 260-1200

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**Item 5. Other Events.**

On September 12, 2003, American Vanguard Corporation issued the press release announcing that its 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.

**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

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.3	Press release