

MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 22, 2003

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 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): October 20, 2003

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**MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**

**0-5127**

**52-0898572**

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(State or other jurisdiction

(Commission File

(I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

Number)

Identification No.)

**Two Hopkins Plaza, P.O. Box 1477, Baltimore, Maryland 21203**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(410) 237-5900**

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report)

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**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

**Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure**

On October 20, 2003, Mercantile Bankshares Corporation, a Maryland corporation ( Mercantile ), announced that Alexander T. Mason will join the company as Vice Chairman upon his retirement from Deutsche Bank at the end of this month.

The press release issued by Mercantile is included as Exhibit 99 to this report and is incorporated into this Item 5 by reference.

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

(c) Exhibits.

99 Press Release

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

Mercantile Bankshares Corporation

(Registrant)

Date: October 20, 2003

By: /s/ Terry L. Troupe

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Terry L. Troupe  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press Release