

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION

Form 8-K

December 19, 2014

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): December 19, 2014

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-32550

(Commission
File Number)

88-0365922

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One E. Washington Street, Suite 1400, Phoenix, Arizona 85004

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(602) 389-3500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

On December 19, 2014, Western Alliance Bancorporation (the “Company”) redeemed 70,500 of the 141,000 shares of the Company’s Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series B (the “Series B Preferred Stock”), that had been issued to the United States Department of the Treasury in September 2011 in connection with the Company’s participation in the Small Business Lending Fund program. The shares were redeemed at their liquidation value of \$1,000 per share plus accrued dividends for a total redemption price of \$70,652,750. Following the consummation of this partial redemption, the Company continues to have outstanding 70,500 shares of its Series B Preferred Stock.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION
(Registrant)

/s/ Dale Gibbons

Dale Gibbons
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 19, 2014