Section 1: 8-K (8-K)

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): October 29, 2019

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

One E. Washington Street, 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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

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<th>Trading Symbol(s)</th>
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<td>Common Stock, $0.0001 Par Value</td>
<td>WAL</td>
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<td>6.25% Subordinated Debentures due 2056</td>
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).
Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with
any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.
Item 5.02  Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 29, 2019, James Haught, the President and Chief Operating Officer of Western Alliance Bancorporation (the “Company”), resigned from the Company effective immediately. Following Mr. Haught’s departure, Kenneth Vecchione will serve as the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer, and assume the responsibilities of principal operating officer. Mr. Haught’s remaining responsibilities will be assumed by other executives within the Company, including Tim Boothe, Division President - Bridge Bank, who will be promoted to Chief Operating Officer with responsibility for technology and other banking operations.

In connection with his departure, the Company expects to enter into a separation and release agreement with Mr. Haught, the terms of which have not yet been finalized.
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
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Dale Gibbons
Vice Chairman and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 1, 2019