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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 and Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Dated of earliest event reported): January 26, 2017

HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number 0-29480

Washington 91-1857900 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

201 Fifth Avenue SW, Olympia, WA 98501 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) (360) 943-1500

(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 (see General Instructions A.2. below):

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 26, 2017, Heritage Financial Corporation ("Heritage") issued its earnings release announcing its operating results for the fourth quarter and year-ended December 31, 2016. A copy of the release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On January 26, 2017, Heritage Financial Corporation ("Heritage") issued a press release announcing a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.12 per common share. The dividend will be paid on February 23, 2017, to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 9, 2017. A copy of the release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is being filed herewith and this list shall constitute the exhibit index:

Exhibit Press Release dated January 26, 2017 announcing fourth quarter and year-ended December 31, 2016 financial results and regular cash dividend.

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.

HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date:

January 26, 2017 /S/ BRIAN L. VANCE

Brian L. Vance President and Chief Executive Officer (Duly Authorized Officer)