

WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC  
Form 8-K  
January 20, 2017

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 20, 2017 (January 18, 2017)

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Washington Federal, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Washington                      001-34654    91-1661606  
(State or other jurisdiction    (Commission    (IRS Employer  
of incorporation)              File Number)    Identification No.)  
425 Pike Street, Seattle, Washington 98101  
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code (206) 624-7930  
Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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 Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- 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))

Item 8.01 Other Events

On January 18, 2017 the Company announced by press release that its Board of Directors approved a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.15 per common share. The Board of Directors also approved a one-time special dividend of \$0.25 per common share. The dividends are payable on February 10, 2017, to stockholders of record as of February 1, 2017. A copy of the press release is attached to this filing as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable
  - (b) Not applicable
  - (c) Not applicable
  - (d) The following exhibits are filed as part of this report on Form 8-K:  
99.1 Press release dated January 18, 2017
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**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.

Date: January 20, 2017    WASHINGTON FEDERAL, INC.

By: /s/ VINCENT L. BEATTY  
Vincent L. Beatty  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer