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**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)** April 12, 2019

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**RPM INTERNATIONAL INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-14187**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**02-0642224**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2628 Pearl Road, P.O. Box 777, Medina, Ohio**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**44258**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (330) 273-5090**

(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)
- 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))

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.

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

As previously disclosed by RPM International Inc. (the “Company”), in November 2018, President Donald J. Trump nominated General John P. Abizaid to serve as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. On April 10, 2019, General Abizaid’s appointment was ratified and confirmed by the U.S. Senate (“Confirmation”). Following General Abizaid’s Confirmation, on April 12, 2019, General Abizaid advised the Company of his resignation from the Company’s Board of Directors, effective as of April 12, 2019.

A copy of the Company’s press release announcing General Abizaid’s resignation from the Company’s Board of Directors is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

99.1 [Press Release, dated April 12, 2019.](#)

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

RPM International Inc.  
(Registrant)

Date April 16, 2019

/s/ Edward W. Moore  
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Edward W. Moore  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Chief Compliance Officer

### **Abizaid Steps Down from RPM Board Following Confirmation as U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia**

MEDINA, Ohio—(BUSINESS WIRE)—Apr. 12, 2019—RPM International Inc. (NYSE: RPM) today announced that retired U.S. Army Gen. John P. Abizaid has stepped down from his position on the RPM board of directors following his confirmation this week as the U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

“Obviously, John’s new role as ambassador is of significant national and international importance and will require 100 percent of his focus, which necessitated that he resign from our board. During his time as a director, he brought a unique perspective to RPM, particularly in the areas of strategy, operations, international affairs and leadership development,” stated Frank C. Sullivan, chairman and CEO of RPM. “We’re grateful to have benefitted from John’s tremendous expertise and sage counsel during his decade of service to RPM and wish him success in his new role.”

Abizaid was elected to the RPM board of directors in 2008 after a distinguished military career during which he rose from an infantry platoon leader to become a four-star general and the longest-serving commander of U.S. Central Command. The highly decorated officer led assignments ranging from infantry combat to delicate international negotiations. After retiring from the U.S. Army in 2007, he served as senior partner of JPA Partners LLC, a Nevada-based strategic and analytic consulting firm.

### **About RPM**

RPM International Inc. owns subsidiaries that are world leaders in specialty coatings, sealants, building materials and related services across three segments. RPM’s industrial products include roofing systems, sealants, corrosion control coatings, flooring coatings and other construction chemicals. Industrial companies include Stonhard, Tremco, illbruck, Carboline, Flowcrete, EuclidChemical and RPM Belgium Vandex. RPM’s consumer products are used by professionals and do-it-yourselfers for home maintenance and improvement and by hobbyists. Consumer brands include Rust-Oleum, DAP, Zinsser, Varathane and Testors. RPM’s specialty products include industrial cleaners, colorants, exterior finishes, specialty OEM coatings, edible coatings, restoration services equipment and specialty glazes for the pharmaceutical and food industries. Specialty segment companies include Day-Glo, Dryvit, RPM Wood Finishes, Mantrose-Hauser, Legend Brands, Kop-Coat and TCI. Additional details can be found at [www.RPMinc.com](http://www.RPMinc.com) and by following RPM on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/RPMintl](http://www.twitter.com/RPMintl).

For more information, contact Russell L. Gordon, vice president and chief financial officer, at 330-273-5090 or [rgordon@rpminc.com](mailto:rgordon@rpminc.com).

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