



Demopolis resident Freddie Gracie, who will be 90 years old in August, recently came by the bank to talk with President and CEO Gary Holemon. Mr. Gracie has been a customer of Robertson Banking Company for 46 years and is a highly decorated Veteran.

At the age of 22, Gracie joined the U. S. Army. He served with the First Cavalry Division from 1950 to 1953, which includes 17 months in Korea where he was wounded in combat when a mortar round explosion caused an injury to this thigh. Following his injury, he continued serving for two more years.

He was a recipient of the Silver Star, which is the third highest military combat decoration that can be awarded to a member of the United States Armed Forces, and is awarded for gallantry in action. He received this honor not long after his service ended in the 1950s.

Mr. Gracie also recently received the Purple Heart he earned while serving in Korea. The Purple Heart is a U. S. military decoration awarded to those wounded or killed while serving their country. Gracie credits U. S. Senator Richard Shelby with assisting him in the process of obtaining the Purple Heart.

Mr. Gracie and his wife Catherine have four children – Catherine Gracie, Freddie Onofre, Alvin Gracie and Ernest Carter. “We are extremely proud of this local veteran’s accomplishments and he is a valued customer of Robertson Banking Company.”