

Family Reference Sample (FRS) Program:

The forensic scientists at the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) use the latest DNA sequencing methods to provide for the identification of remains. In this program, family members of unaccounted-for Sailors provide a DNA sample to be used as one part of the method for making identification in the event remains are found.

The Navy POW/MIA Family Reference Sample Program Manager worked diligently and obtained DNA Family Reference Samples for Sailors missing from Post WWII conflicts (Cold War, Korean War, and Vietnam War). The effort has now shifted to obtaining DNA samples from family members of WWII unaccounted-for Sailors.

Please contact the Navy POW/MIA Branch if you are a family member of a WWII unaccounted-for Sailor and have not provided a DNA sample. Please call 1-800-443-9298.

For more information, please visit the following website:

<http://www.dpaa.mil/Resources/FactSheets/ArticleView/tabid/10163/Article/590581/dna.aspx>