

Family Reference Sample (FRS) Program

The forensic scientists at the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) use 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 the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) uses for making identification in the event remains are found.

Please contact the Navy POW/MIA Branch if you are a family member inquiring about this program. Call: 1-800-443-9298.

For more information on this program, please visit the following DPAA website:

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