

The Ho`olauna Bulletin is designed to provide the USAG-HI Community important information about activities and events happening in the local community. Meaning "to be friendly" or "to introduce one person to another," the goal of Ho`olauna is to introduce the local and Hawaiian communities to the USAG-HI Communities. We hope you enjoy this service and learning more about your new island home. If you have trouble reading this newsletter, it will be available in .pdf version at the [U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii website](#) and on our [blog](#).



## HO`OLAUNA NEWSLETTER

*E ho`olauna malihini (so friendly to the newcomer)*

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## Happy Prince Kūhiō Day!

*The State celebrates the birthday of one of Hawai`i's most beloved monarchs on March 26.*

HONOLULU — Few individuals in Hawai`i's history have been as influential in the lives of contemporary Native Hawaiians as Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana`ole.

Born March 26, 1871, on the island of Kaua`i, Prince Kūhiō was the great-grandson of Kaumuali`i, the last reigning king of Kaua`i.

When his father and mother died in 1880 and 1884, respectively, the young prince was adopted by reigning monarchs King David Kalākaua and his wife, Queen Victoria Kapi'olani.

After King Kalākaua passed in 1891, his sister, Lydia Lili'uokalani, ascended to the throne. Less than two years later, on Jan. 17, 1893, the queen would yield her authority to the United States.

Before she was deposed from the throne, Queen Lili'uokalani had named Kuhio her heir, and upon the queen's death in 1917, Kuhio became the last person who, upon birth and designation of a sitting monarch, could claim the throne of the Hawaiian monarchy.

Although by this time the Kingdom of Hawai'i no longer controlled the Islands, Kuhio's commitment to the people of Hawai'i remained resolute.

He was highly educated, having attended exclusive schools on O'ahu, including the Royal School and Punahou School. He also attended a private Episcopal military school for four years in California.

Kuhio would ultimately finish business school in England and, upon returning to Hawai'i, delved into politics.

He joined the Republican Party in Hawai'i in 1901 and two years later won a seat in the U.S. Congress representing the Territory of Hawai'i, a position which he would retain until his death in 1922.

The prince committed his years of public service to the betterment of the Hawaiian people. He was instrumental in the restoration of the Royal Benevolent Societies and in the establishment of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs, institutions that continue to serve Native Hawaiians today.

In Washington D.C., Kuhio introduced the first Hawai'i Statehood Act in 1919. He advocated for the passage of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, which secured approximately 200,000 acres of land in Hawai'i for the homesteading of Native Hawaiians.

The law passed in 1921 and today continues to support housing and other benefits for Native Hawaiians.

Today, his legacy is celebrated and remembered across Hawai'i every March.

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## **Kumu Ladd Returns!**

**Kumu Hula Ladd Heleloa returns starting April 1, 2013**

Hula classes will be expanded for the month of April, with beginner and intermediate classes being held at both Wheeler/Kalākaua Community Center and AMR.

**Beginning and intermediate hula classes will be held on Mondays at AMR beginning at 1700.**

**Beginning and intermediate hula classes will be held on Tuesday at Wheeler or Kalākaua beginning at 1700.**

Please check the schedule at [www.hawaiianliaison.com](http://www.hawaiianliaison.com) for exact class times and locations.

This new schedule will be maintained based on level of participation.

*You can always find our schedule of workshops and great local events on the new [Native Hawaiian Liaison blog](#).*



Photo Credit: Merrie Monarch Festival

## **Merrie Monarch Festival Begins March 31, 2013**

The Merrie Monarch is the largest hula festival in the world. Broadcast over television and on the internet, the week long event gives hula fans across the world the opportunity to enjoy the best of the Hawaiian culture.

The competitive part of the Festival begins with the Miss Aloha Hula competition. It is the premiere cultural competition in Hawai'i, requiring a lifetime of hula study, cultural expertise and Hawaiian language fluency.



The Native Hawaiian Liaison Office asked the current Miss Aloha Hula, Lilinoe Sterling (pictured above) what being Miss Aloha Hula has meant to her:

This year as Miss Aloha Hula has been a real gift for me, to be able to do something that I love: represent an incredible hula family, hula lineage, and essentially [our] people. It has been one of the biggest honors of my life, and I've had such an amazing time doing it.

Hula, for me, has been a constant; it's been one of my greatest teachers; provided me the space to be vulnerable; to surrender myself to poetry, strength, 'ike [knowledge]; to the identity of our kūpuna [elders]. It is an entity of power and grace, that I feel honored to be apart of.

I am truly humbled by the overwhelming support, kindness and love that was shown to me throughout my time as Miss Aloha Hula. I can only hope that I'll close out this year leaving my family, my kumu (teacher), the community of hula people, with an unyielding sense of pride.

My mahalo is endless, aloha abounding.

Lilinoe Sterling MAH '12



## MERRIE MONARCH FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

### *Ho'olaule'a (celebration)*

9:00 a.m., Sunday, March 31st at the Afook Chinen Civic Auditorium. Free admission to watch performances by our local hālau.

### *Free Mid-day Entertainment*

Daily (Monday through Friday) entertainment at the Hawai'i Naniloa Volcanoes Resort (12 p.m.), and the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel (1 p.m.).

### *Arts and Crafts Fair*

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 3rd through Friday, April 5th, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, April 6th, at the Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium.

An annual favorite, this free event features local artists and crafters.

### *Hō'ike Performances*

5:45 pm, Wednesday, April 3rd at the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium. An exhibition night of hula and music.

### *Miss Aloha Hula*

5:45 pm, Thursday, April 4th at the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium. Individual competition for the title of Miss Aloha Hula with contestants performing hula kahiko, hula 'auana and oli (chanting).

### *Group Hula Kahiko*

5:45 pm, Friday, April 5th at the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium. Hālau hula perform ancient style dances.

### *Group Hula 'Auana & Awards*

5:45 pm, Saturday, April 6th at the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium. Hālau hula perform

modern style dances with an awards presentation for all group winners.

### *Merrie Monarch Royal Parade*

10:30 am, Saturday, April 6th. One of the festival's most entertaining and fun events for the entire family, the parade begins and ends at Pauahi St. and winds through downtown Hilo (Kilauea Ave. – Keawe St. – Waiānuenue Ave. – Kamehameha Ave.).



The poster features a dark background with tropical foliage. At the top left is the 'Merrie Monarch FESTIVAL' logo in a stylized, golden font. To the right is the KFVE logo, which includes a stylized hula dancer head. The main title '2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS' is centered in a bold, golden font with a yellow underline. Below this, two columns of event information are presented. The left column is titled 'THE HULA COMPETITION' and lists three events: 'Miss Aloha Hula Competition & Awards' on Thursday, April 4, 2013 (6 p.m. – 12 a.m.), 'Hula Kahiko Competition' on Friday, April 5, 2013 (6 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.), and 'Hula 'Auana Competition & Awards' on Saturday, April 6, 2013 (6 p.m. – 1 a.m.). The right column is titled 'TELEVISION SPECIALS' and lists four events: 'The Light in the Lady's Eyes' on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 (8 p.m. – 9 p.m.), 'Best of Merrie Monarch 2011' on Sunday, March 31, 2013 (7 p.m. – 8 p.m.), 'Best of Merrie Monarch 2012' on Sunday, March 31, 2013 (8 p.m. – 9 p.m.), and 'Edgy Lee's The Hawaiians: Reflecting Spirit' on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 (7 p.m. – 8 p.m.). Below these, 'Merrie Monarch Backstage Live!' is listed for Wednesday, April 3, 2013 (8 p.m. – 10 p.m.). A note at the bottom states: 'Note: Only the events between Wednesday 4/3 & Saturday 4/6 are streamed live.' The bottom of the poster features the Hawaiian Airlines logo (a purple and white profile of a woman's head) and the text 'Presented by: HAWAIIAN AIRLINES'. At the very bottom, it says 'LIVE Broadcast on KFVE' and 'LIVE STREAM on www.kfve.com'. On the left side, there is a vertical image of a hula drum.

**Merrie Monarch**  
FESTIVAL

**KFVE**

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Three-days of complete, live coverage in HD

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**TELEVISION SPECIALS**

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**LTS TRAVEL FAIR  
GRAND PRIZE**  
Kilauea Military Camp (KMC)  
Trip for two

**Saturday, March 30**

**Weyand Field**

**8:30 am - 2:00 pm**

**FOOD, GAMES, RIDES  
& INFLATABLES**  
9 am - 2 pm

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