



Young wahine (women) hula dancers (left) from the Natibo Dance Company of Guam welcomed USS Crommelin and her crew of 219 to Hilo for the 36th annual Merrie Monarch Festival. Crewmembers, many of whom had never seen hula before, enjoyed the performance.

Crommelin and Merrie Monarch:

Port visit to paradise

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(Above) Rear Admiral John Townes III, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, presents a plaque to Mo'i Kane Louis Kahoano Elia, Jr. and Mo'i Wahine Shena Kelepina Kaniho, the King and Queen of the Merrie Monarch Festival at a reception aboard USS Crommelin last Friday.



(Right) An honor guard from USS Crommelin marched in the Merrie Monarch Festival Royal Parade through downtown Hilo last Saturday.

YN2 Kraig Pedersen talks about his ship to a group of Hilo school children. Crommelin hosted 215 Big Island residents for public tours of the ship on Friday and Saturday.

