

USS Thomaston LSD-28 Key Information
Reunion 2026, Denver CO

Dates:	September 17th to 20th. (Thursday to Sunday)		
Location:	Denver, Colorado	Mountain West	
Airports and Other Transportation	Denver International Airport (DEN)	8500 Peña Blvd, Denver, CO 80249	About 27 miles northeast of Denver. (Preferred) Served by most major airlines.
	Colorado Springs Airport (COS)	7770 Milton E Proby Pkwy, Colorado Springs, CO 80916	About 70 miles south. Smaller airport but popular. Many major airlines fly to this airport.
Hotel:	Hilton Garden Inn, Aurora CO	16475 E 40th Circle, Aurora, Colorado 80011. 303-371-9393	Free parking for those who drive. Convenient airport shuttle on request from DEN. Call ahead to request a pickup. There is also a light rail station near the hotel. The rail service serves downtown Denver from DEN.
Hotel Rates and Accommodations:	Thursday to Sunday \$129.00. Extended room rates at \$129.00. Pool and 24-hour fitness center. Free parking. Free Wi-Fi. On-site restaurant and bar. Discounted breakfast. Pet friendly. Check-in 3 p.m., check-out 12 p.m. To book a room you can do one of the following: •Call the reservation desk at the hotel at 303-371-9393, Option 0. , and ask to reserve a room for the USS Thomaston Reunion. •Go to the on-line reservation link at: https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=DENAHGI&arrivalDate=2026-09-17&departureDate=2026-09-20&groupCode=901&room1NumAdults=1&displayCurrency=USD&aarpRate= Cut and paste this link into your preferred browser. Rooms can be booked until August 20, 2026. After that, any reservation will be at the standard room rate. If you book late, be sure to ask for special rates that might be available such as AAA, AARP, senior, military/government. Reservations can also be extended up to three (3) days prior to the reunion and two (2) days after at the in-week rate. If you are booking extra days, you should use the hotel reservation option to call the reservation desk.	Rates available three days prior to and two days after event. Call the hotel reservation desk to set up an extended stay.	Call the hotel reservation desk. Office at 303-371-9393, Option 0. Identify yourself as part of the USS Thomaston Reunion. On-line reservations available for September 17 - 20. Will post on Facebook.

Tour: First Stop: Wings Over the Rockies. This is an air and space museum located at the former Lowry Air Force Base. The exhibits focus on post World War II aircraft. Featured are simulators so you can get a sense of what it's like to fly one of the exhibit planes.

Drive to Idaho Springs: This is a climb into the Rockies west of Denver. We'll go up another 2000 feet in elevation. The town is in a beautiful valley surrounded by high peaks. This is where the Colorado gold rush started.

Second Stop: Argo Mill and Tunnel. This is a former gold mine in Idaho Springs. We'll tour one of the mine tunnels (short distance) and the ore mill works. You can opt to pan gold too. Note there are stairs in the mill with no accommodation for walkers or wheel chairs.

Third Stop: Idaho Spring historic district. Shopping and dining at your leisure.

Dinner:	Rocky Mountain Fiesta Bar served as a buffet. Chicken or beef fajitas, or cheese enchiladas. Spanish rice and beans. Topping include shredded cheese, sour cream, and guacamole. Green salad with dressing. Iced water or iced tea. A cash bar will be available.	Dinner buffet. Cash bar.	In the hotel banquet room.
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Local Transportation:	Major brand car rentals from all airports.
	The hotel shuttle is available on request for local transportation.
	A light rail station is close to the hotel (not walkable, however) and goes to downtown Denver and Denver International airport.
	Uber/Lyft

Other Attractions:	Rocky Mountain National Park Red Rocks Park and Amphitheater Denver Mint (closed Fridays) US Airforce Academy (self-guided tours) Pikes Peak and Garden of the Gods Colorado State Capital (the 13th step is the mile high marker) Much more. Check the Denver Visitor's Guide for other suggestions.
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Local Restaurants, West Aurora or Close	Moobongri BBQ (Korean) Fuyu Sushi (Japanese) Sam's Dumpling Kitchen (Chinese) Il Forno di Tutti (Italian) Bong Bong Hot Pot (Taiwan Chinese) A Bit of Twisted Brewpub and BBQ (American) Urban Burma (Burmese) Aurora Eatery (Take out) Casa Tequilla Grill (Mexican) Culinary Dropout (American) Cafe Paprika (Morocan) Aroma do Brazil (Brazilian) Mariscos El Aguachiles (Mexican Seafood) All are rated 4.5 or above on Yelp.	Location, address, and phone numbers available on-line in the hotel business center.	Drive, Uber/Lyft, or Light Rail for most.
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