



# LAURINBURG-MAXTON AIRPORT (KMEB)

August 15, 2026

# HISTORY

## 1942: Establishment

Built as the Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base comprised of 4,500 acres.

## Rapid Construction

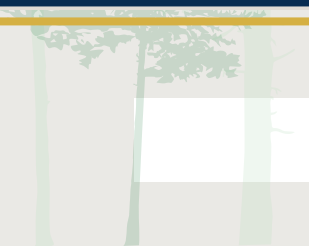
3 runways, 560 buildings, and all water/sewer infrastructure constructed in just 6 months.

## World-Class Facility

The largest facility in the world for training glider pilots at the time.

## Post-WWII Transition

Transferred to the City of Laurinburg and Town of Maxton to run as a general aviation airport.





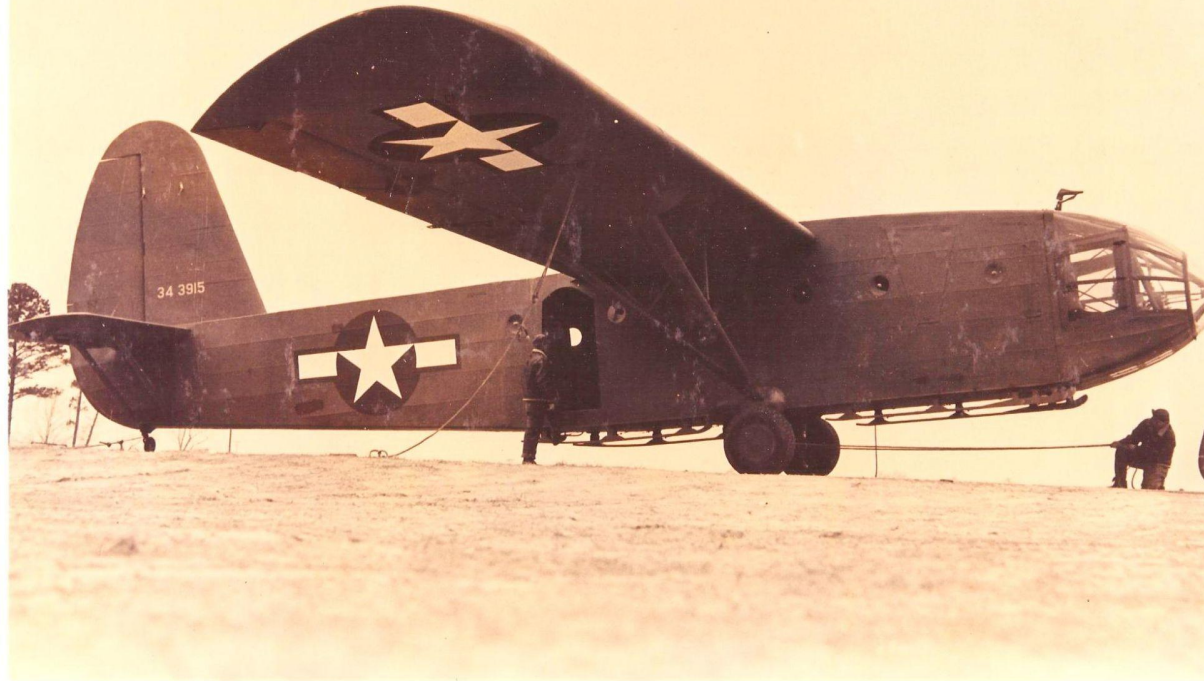
An aerial photograph of the Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base. The image shows a large, rectangular airfield with a prominent runway and taxiway. The surrounding area is a mix of open fields and some developed land. The text "LAURINBURG-MAXTON ARMY AIR BASE" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font. A thin yellow horizontal line is positioned below the text.

# LAURINBURG-MAXTON ARMY AIR BASE

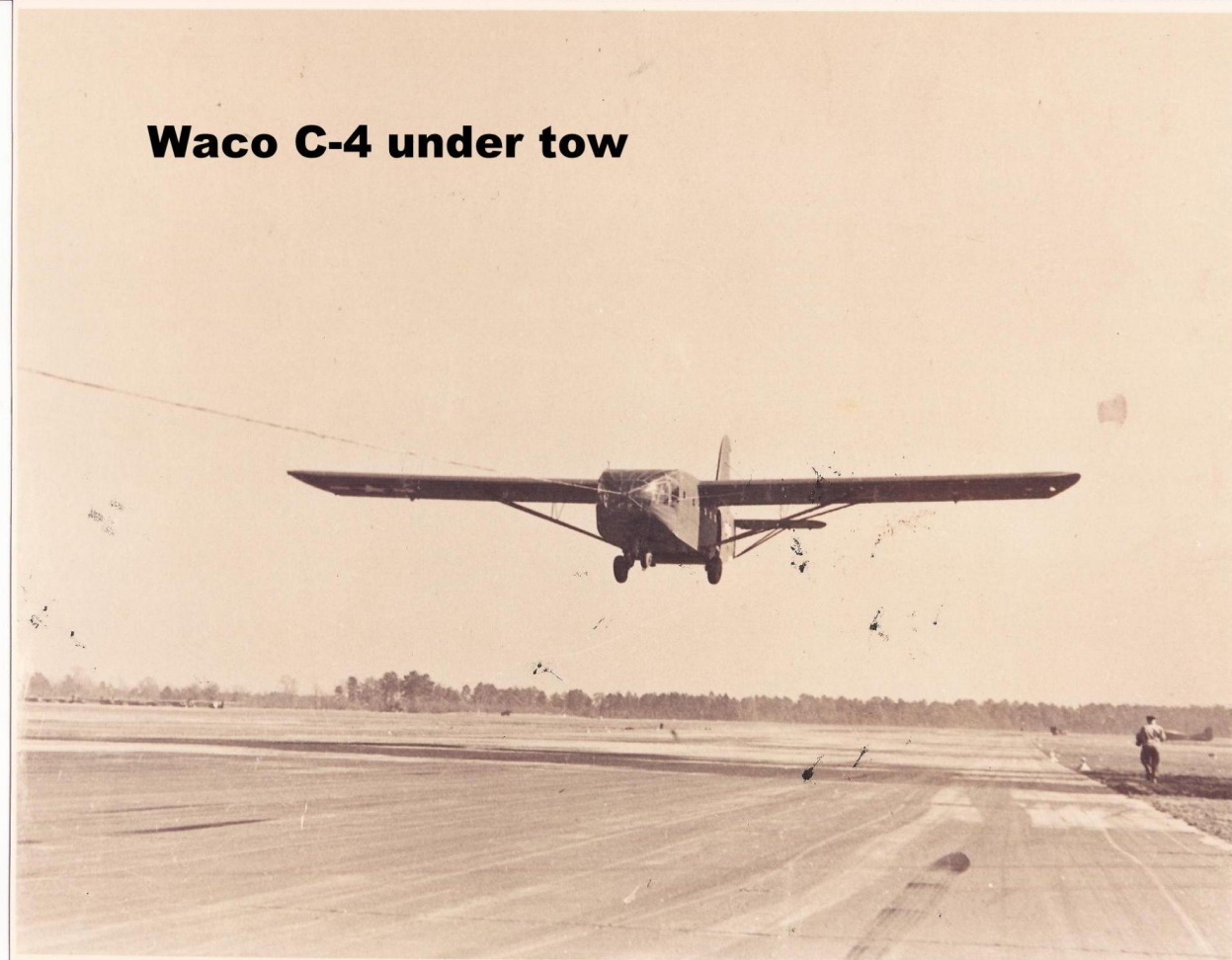
1942-1945



**Waco C-4**



**Waco C-4 under tow**





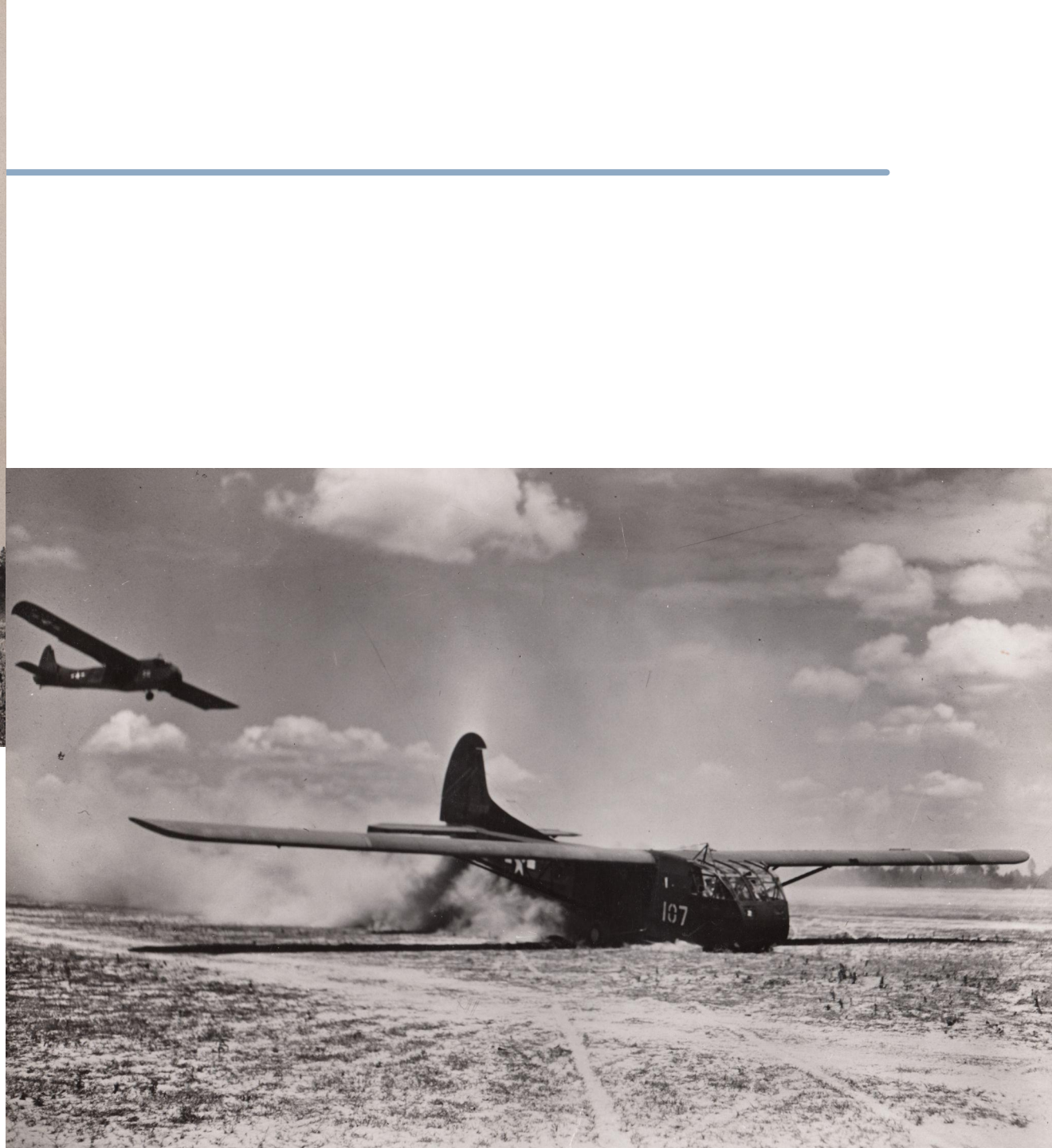
**Intentional landing in Creed's Lake**



**Snatching glider into air**

















CANOPY ASSY OWC NO. 4917141  
ORDER NO. AF 36(600)-908  
SERIAL NO. DA-53- 65621  
DATE OF MFG. DEC 1953  
RELIANCE MFG. CO





# Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Today



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## Infrastructure & Operations

- 3,200 acres still owned and operated
- Runway 05/23 - 6,503' x 100'
- Runway 13/31 - 3,500' x 75'
- Two Drop Zones
- Home of the U.S. Army Parachute Team
- Water and wastewater infrastructure

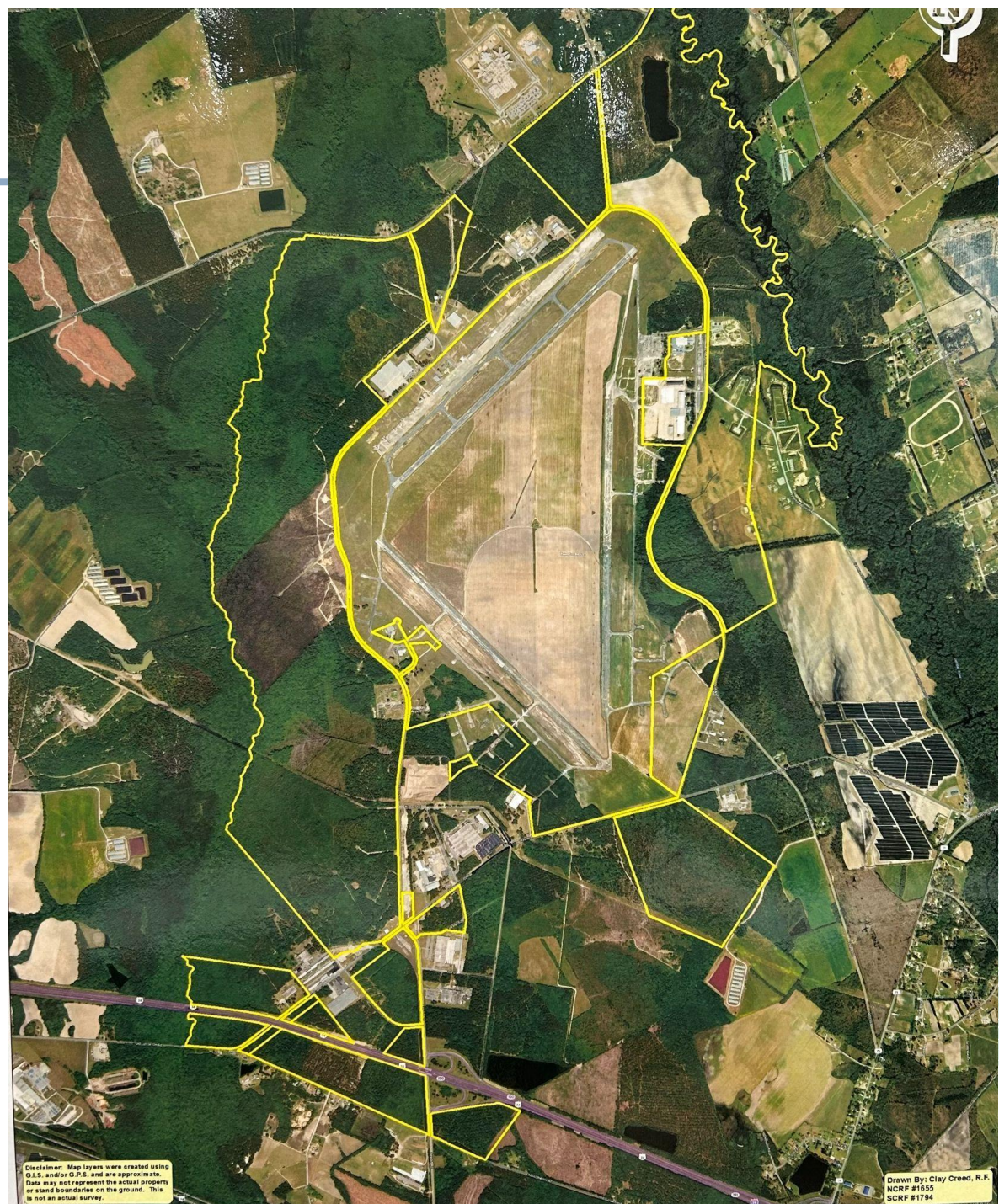
## Facilities & Land Use

- 50,000 square foot manufacturing facility
- 39,000 square foot warehouse
- 600 acres leased for farmland
- 300 acres leased for paramilitary training

**LAURINBURG-MAXTON**



# KMEB Footprint



Disclaimer: Map layers were created using  
GIS, and/or GPS, and are approximate.  
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or stand boundaries on the ground. This  
is not an actual survey.

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# Laurinburg-Maxton Airport

## Aviation Customers

The airport serves a diverse range of aviation needs, including:

- Corporate Aviation
- General Aviation
- Military Aviation





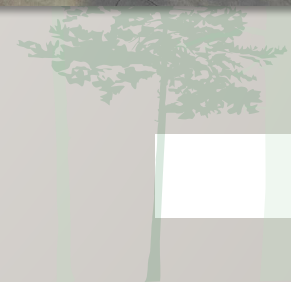








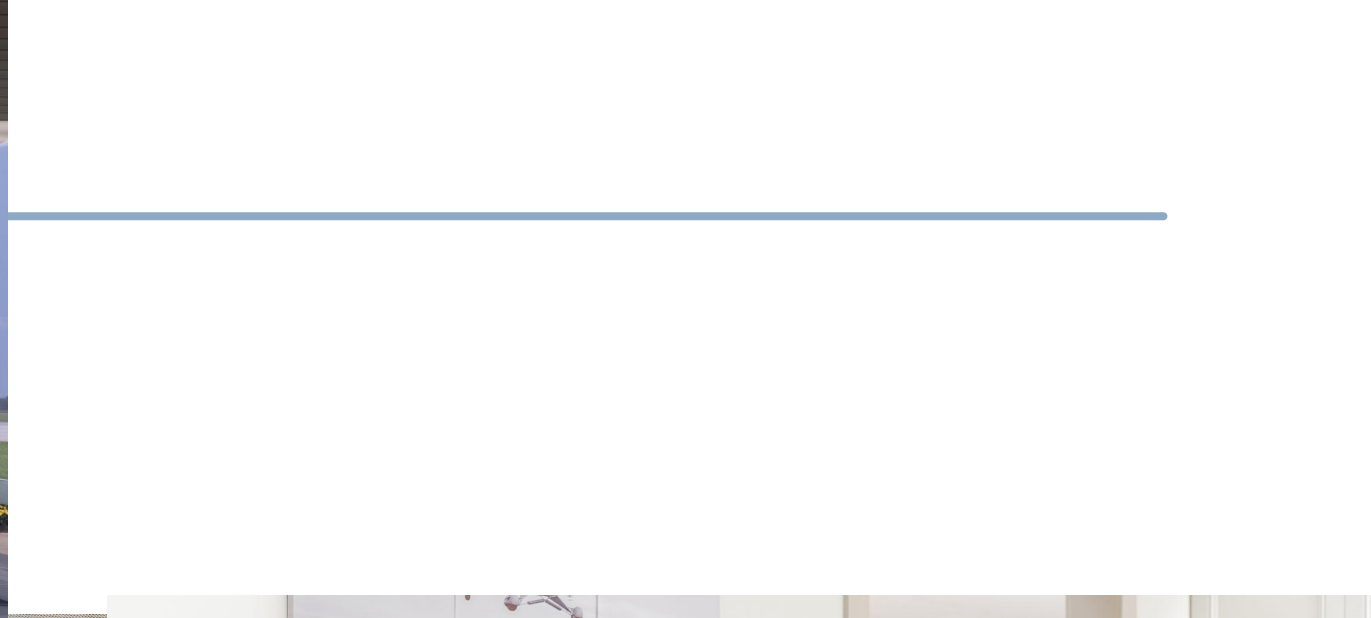














# ECONOMIC IMPACT

Annual Economic Output

**\$187M**

*According to NCDOT Division of Aviation  
Biennial Study*

Statewide Ranking

**10<sup>th</sup>**

Largest output of all 62 General Aviation  
(GA) airports





# Future of Laurinburg-Maxton Airport



# CURRENT & UPCOMING PROJECTS

## UNDERWAY

- New Fuel Farm (*Just Completed*)
- Runway 5/23 (*Just Completed*)
- New Terminal Building **(2026)**
- T-Hangars **(2026)**
- Corporate Hangars **(2027)**
- Runway Extension Design **(2028)**

## FUTURE

- Airfield Drainage
- Perimeter Fencing
- Runway 13/31 Rehabilitation
- Box Hangar Development

































**ANY QUESTIONS?**