



# Townsend BOMBING Range

# History and Mission

## History

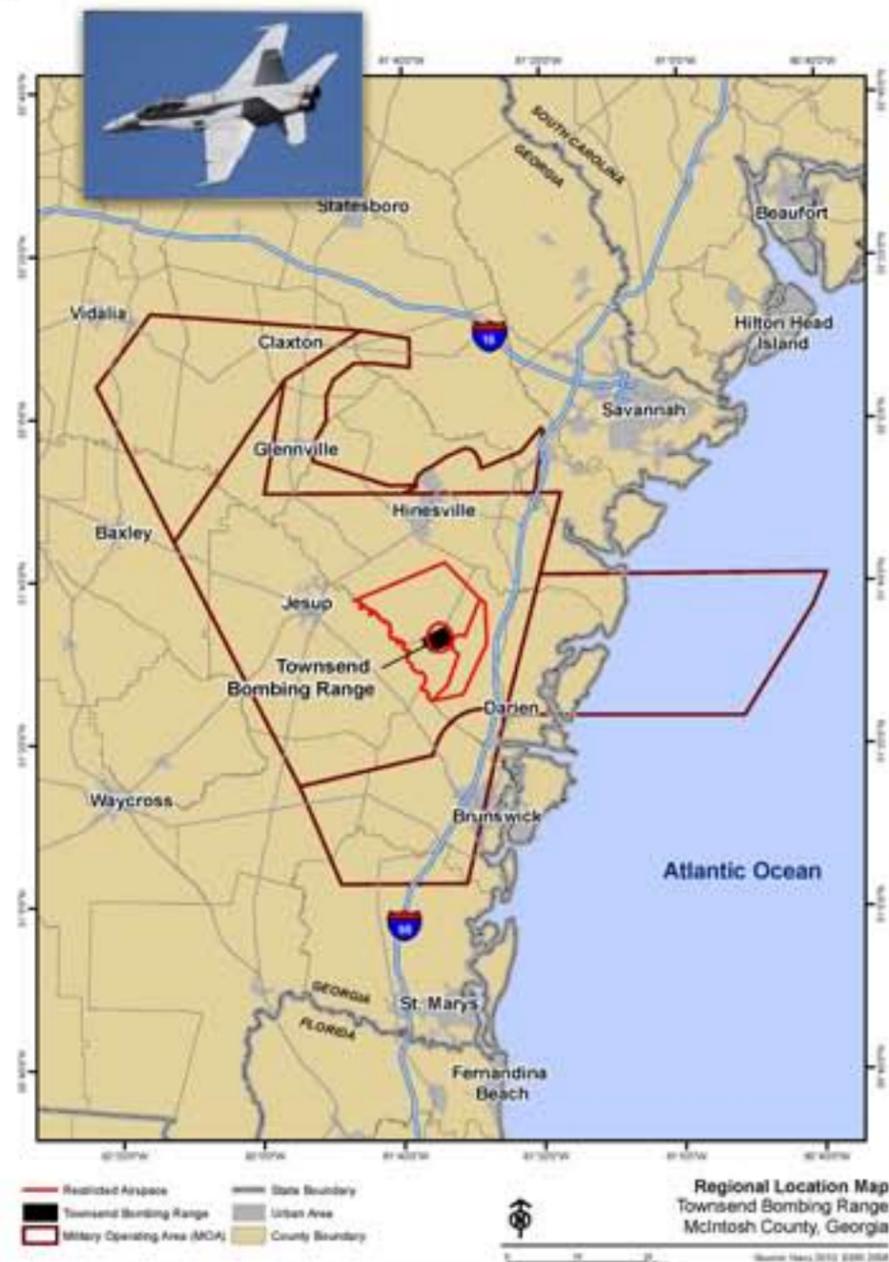


Townsend BOMBING Range (TBR), formerly known as Glynco BOMBING Range, was first opened as an aerial gunnery range by the U.S. Navy in the early 1940s. The Range was closed in 1972 in conjunction with the closure of nearby Naval Air Station Glynco. The Marine Corps reopened the Range in 1981 as Townsend BOMBING Range, a training facility for Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, SC.



### Townsend is a Premiere Training Range

- Large Volume of Airspace
- Realistic Targets
- Realistic Threats
- Joint Use by All Services
- Proximity to Offshore Airspace
- Proximity to Air Bases



## Mission



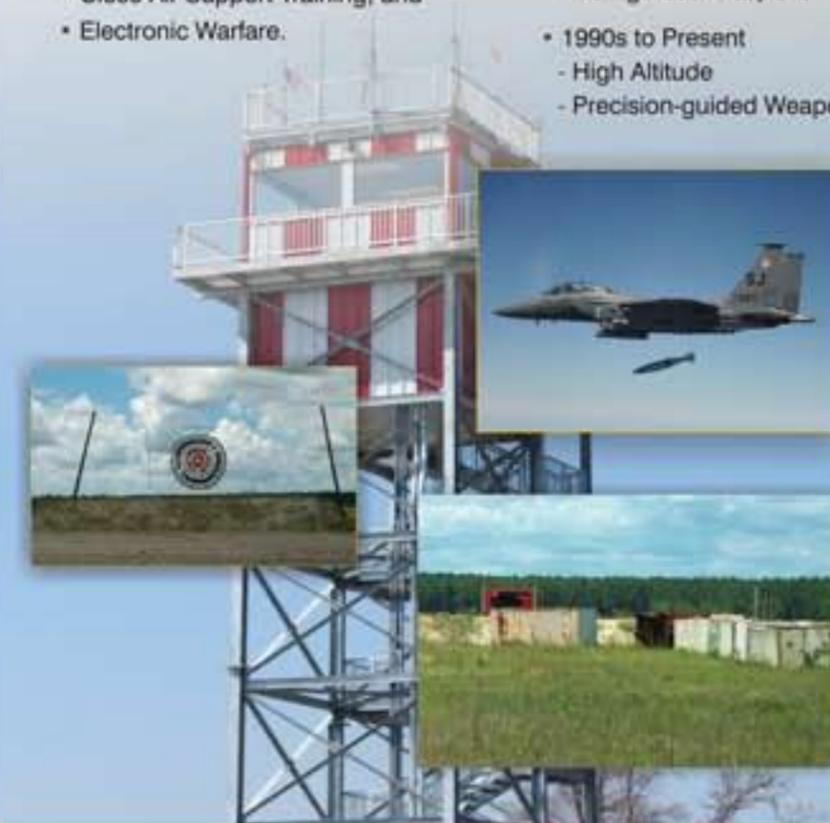
TBR's mission is to provide a realistic target and hostile threat environment to train combat aircrews from all services; to provide an environment for ground forces to conduct training; and to facilitate command and control, information, surveillance and reconnaissance training.

### Types of training that accomplish TBR's mission are:

- Air-to-Ground Training;
- Low-Angle Strafing Training;
- Close Air Support Training; and
- Electronic Warfare.

### Training and Tactics Evolution

- 1970s and 1980s
  - Low Altitude
  - Non-guided Weapons
- 1990s to Present
  - High Altitude
  - Precision-guided Weapons



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