



## USS Entemedor SS-340

The entemedor is a fish of the electric ray family found in shallow waters from Baja California to Panama.

SS-340 a Balao class submarine was originally named Chickwick, she was renamed Entemedor on 24 September 1942 and launched 17 December 1944 at Electric Boat Co., Groton Ct. and commissioned 6 April 1945 with Lieutenant Commander W. R. Smith, Jr., in command. Entemedor was sponsored by Mrs. E. V. Izae.

On 21 May 1945 Entemedor under the command of Lt Cdr W.R. Smith, Jr. departed New London, Ct for the Panama Canal Zone. On 30 May 1945 Entemedor arrived at Coco Solo, Panama Canal Zone. On 12 June 1945 after conducting exercises in Panama Bay with Catfish and MacLeish Entemedor departed Balboa Panama Canal Zone on 12 June 1945 bound for Pearl Harbor.

Entemedor reached Pearl Harbor 29 June 1945 from New London, en route to Midway for advanced training and to prepare for war patrols. She put to sea on her first war patrol 24 July 1945, and served as lifeguard for air strikes on Marcus Island before sailing on to patrol off Japan. When hostilities ceased she was ordered to Saipan, where she arrived 17 August.

Entemedor returned to Seattle 22 September 1946, and began a program of training operations along the west coast from San Diego. In 1946 and 1947, she made extended cruises in the Far East, basing at Subic Bay. She was decommissioned and placed in reserve at Mare Island Shipyard 10 December 1948.

Recommissioned 24 October 1950, Entemedor trained off the coast of California, and on 2 January 1951 sailed for New London and through the remainder of the year operated in the Atlantic. On 31 January 1952 she entered the Electric Boat Company's yard for extensive modernization and was placed in commission in reserve 28 February 1952, and returned to active status 17 October 1952.

Every second year beginning in 1953 Entemedor deployed to the Mediterranean to serve with the 6th Fleet and from her home port at New London also sailed for a midshipman cruise to northern European ports in the summer of 1958, and to Portland, England, in February 1960. Her stateside operations included participation in large-scale exercises off the east coast and Caribbean. Serving as a target for TF "Alfa," in the development of antisubmarine warfare techniques. Through 1962 she continued to operate from New London.

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During overhaul at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in March 1954, she underwent extensive electronics, sonar and machinery modernization.

Pursuant to the Security Assistance Program, *Entemedor* was transferred (leased) to the Republic of Turkey on 31 July 1972. Renamed/renumbered and Commissioned *TCG Preveze (S-345)* same day. On 1 August 1973, the *ex-Entemedor* was struck from the Naval Vessel Registry (NVR) and disposed of (cash sale) to the Republic of Turkey and the title transferred.

*TCG Preveze (S-345)* continued to serve in the Turkish Submarine Forces until her Decommissioning on 20 March 1986. Final disposition and fate are unknown.