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Battle Stars over Baltimore
Metal Roofing Games at METALCON

Newton, Mass., Oct. 6, 2016—METALCON announces plans for the Metal Construction Association’s (MCA) metal roofing championship games to take place during its show on Oct. 26 and 27 at the Baltimore Convention Center.

The largest international event for the metal construction industry will capture construction professionals from metal roofing contractors nationwide to compete for cash prizes in a number of different challenges known as Battle Stars over Baltimore, in recognition of our Star-Spangled Banner birthplace.

In this two-day competition, five teams with two contestants each compete to split a $400 cash award in each of the challenges, or $2,500 in total each day. In addition, a grand prize of $500 will be awarded daily to the team who has accumulated the most points collectively from the five challenges. This represents a total of $5,000 to be awarded over the course of the competition—the largest cash prize amount ever in this annual event.

The Battles with each of their sponsoring MCA Members are as follows:

1:00 p.m., Game 1: Screw Gun Battle, sponsored by Triangle Fastener Corporation
Contestants install 24 self-drilling screws spaced four inches apart into eight-foot long steel purlins mounted on an eight-by-eight foot steel framework platform.

2:00 p.m., Game 2: Hug a Roof Battle, sponsored by Roof Hugger, Inc.
Contestants install 40 lineal feet of factory-notched, zee-shaped sub-purlins on a mock-up existing ribbed metal roof paneled frame. These games are designed to demonstrate that with the right techniques, tools and products, metal roofing can be easily and accurately installed.

3:00 p.m., Game 3: Standing Seam Battle, sponsored by New Tech Machinery and Drexel Metals
Contestant teams install six each, 16-inch wide metal roof panels over factory-notched sub-purlins.

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4:00 p.m., Game 4: *Seam It Up Battle*, sponsored by D.I. Roof Seamers
Contestants operate a standing seam roof seamer over 16-inch wide metal roof panel seams.

5:00 p.m., Game 5: *Let It Snow Battle*, sponsored by S-5!
Contestants must properly install a mechanically attached snow retention system onto 16-inch metal roof panels.

Each battle takes 15 to 30 minutes to complete. Fastest time and accuracy are the two key winning factors. Judging the competition are members of the Metal Building Contractors and Erectors Association.

"The MCA Games Task Force has worked very hard this year to make this an outstanding and challenging event within the greatest metal construction event in the world, METALCON," said games organizer, Mark James of the MCA and Roof Hugger, Inc.

METALCON attendees interested in forming a team for Battle Stars over Baltimore, can pre-register by contacting the games organizer at mjames@roofhugger.com.

**About METALCON**
Established in 1991, METALCON is the largest international event in the metal construction industry. Unique in both its service and show management to this growing industry, METALCON is the only annual tradeshow and conference devoted entirely to the application of metal in industrial, institutional, light commercial and residential projects. Its success is based on three key methods of education: exhibits, an extensive conference program and interactive, learning zones. METALCON is produced by PSMJ Resources, Inc., and sponsored by The Metal Construction Association. This is the event’s second time in Baltimore. For more information, visit www.metalcon.com or call 800-537-7765.

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