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DAY 1 - APRIL 23

TIME	SESSION
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	**PreConnect**
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	**Welcome Reception at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery**

DAY 2 - APRIL 24

TIME	SESSION				
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	**Brenda Emerson & Brad Tompkins**				
	Pablos Holman, Hacker, Inventor, and Investor				
	Private AI for Infrastructure Heroes | Frank Denneman, Chief Technologist, VMware's Cloud Platform, Broadcom				
	Brenda Emerson & Brad Tompkins				
10:30 AM - 7:00 PM	**Certification Testing Center is Open**				
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Break				
	Deploying VCF		**Use Cases**	**Thriving in Tech**	**HOL**
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	**Technical Intro to Building a Private Cloud with VMware Cloud Foundation (VCF)** | Kyle Gleed, Product Marketing Engineer Broadcom	**Technical Dive into VCF Integration: Apps to the Load Balancer to the Network** | Nathan McMahon, Director, Global Sales Enablement, AVI Networks, Broadcom	**Hypervisors: The Elephant in the SOC** | Austin Gadient, CTO & Cofounder, Vali Cyber	**Certification Prep Course: VCF-VCP** | Matt Heldstab, Systems Engineer, Minnesota State Colleges & University, Minneapolis VMUG, Dave Simpson, VMUG Leader, VMUG Board Member, vExpert, London VMUG Maarten Van Driessen, Freelance Infrastructure Consultant, Belgium VMUG	**HOL-2537-01-VCF - VMware Live Recovery - Data Center Migration and Disaster Recovery** | Joel Schwartz, Solutions Architect, Broadcom
11:30 AM - 10:40 AM	Break				
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM	**Simple Kubernetes Deployment with VMware Cloud Foundation (VCF)** | Kyle Gleed, Product Marketing Engineer Broadcom	**Optimizing Your Cloud with End-to- End Network Observability and VCF** | Alex Pinkham, Product Marketing Manager, Network Observability, Broadcom	**Threat Resilient Storage for vSphere with IBM from TD Synnex** | Earl Spinger, Senior Technical Specialist, IBM	**What's Up in the World of EUC?** Stephen Wagner – World of EUC Board Member Patrick Coble – World of EUC Board Member	
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Advantage Member Exclusive Meet and Greet with Pablos Holman				
12:10 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch in Exhibit Hall				
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM	**VMware{code} NUC Lab: Build Your Own Affordable VCF Home Lab**				
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	**Protecting your VCF Private Cloud from Common Cyberattack Methods** | Chris McCain, Senior Technologist, Application Networking and Security			**Tales from Broadcom Customer in 2025 Architecture, Licensing, Stories and Professional Development Planning** | Matt Heldstab, Systems Engineer, Minnesota State Colleges & University, Minneapolis VMUG	**The Power of Knowledge Sharing: Building Trust and Growing Your Career with VMUG** | Jens Klasen, Evangelist, Kaiserslautern VMUG	**HOL-2533-01-VCF-L - vSphere Supervisor (Kubernetes on vSphere)** | Kyle Gleed, Product Marketing Engineer Broadcom
2:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Coffee Break and Networking in Exhibit Hall				
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	**VMware{code} NUC Lab: Build Your Own Affordable VCF Home Lab**				
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	**VMware Cloud Foundations - Edge** | Kevin Dickens, Lead Technical Solutions Architect, Broadcom		**PowerCLI - Deep Dive: Try this, Catch that, Finally, an explanation on PowerCLI error handling!** | Justin Sider, Chief Information Officer, Belay Technologies, San Antonio VMUG	**Elevating VMware Cloud Foundation with Pure Storage FlashArray** | David Stevens, Pure Storage	**Dual Perspectives: Leadership Journeys in IT** | Brenda Emerson, VMUG President Prateek Duggal	
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Break				
4:15 PM - 5:00 PM	**Fortifying vSphere: Hardening Strategies for Robust Security** | Dave Morera, Staff Technical Marketing Architect		**You Aren't Ready: Stories from a Cyber Incident Survivor** | Steve Athanas, Associate CIO, UMass Lowell, Former VMUG Board President Boston VMUG	**Optimize and Secure Your VMware Environments with NetApp Intelligent Data Infrastructure** | Daniel Richison, Cloud Solutions Architect at NetApp, Suresh Thoppay, Technical Marketing Engineer at NetApp	**Advantage Member Exclusive Session: The Art of Public Speaking** | Chris McCain, Senior Technologist, Application Networking and Security	**HOL-2540-01-VCF - VMware NSX - Networking Fundamentals** | Joel Schwartz, Solutions Architect, Broadcom
5:10 PM - 6:00 PM	**Closing General Session | A Look Inside the Future of VMware Cloud Foundation** | Weiguo He, Head of Technical Marketing, VCF, Broadcom				
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Networking Reception in Exhibits Area				

DAY 3 - APRIL 25

TIME	SESSION				
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast				
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	**Certification Testing Center is Open**				
	Deploying VCF		**Use Cases**	**Thriving in Tech**	**HOL**
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	**Accelerators for vSphere: Unlock Peak Performance and Cost Savings** Dave Morera, Staff Technical Marketing Architect, Broadcom Nathan McMahon, Director, Global Sales Enablement, AVI Networks, Broadcom		**Homelabs Breakout Session** | William Lam, Distinguished Platform Engineering Architect, VCF, Broadcom	**Managing your VMware NSX environment with Terraform** | Marteen van Driessen, Freelance Infrastructure Consultant, Belgium VMUG	**Certification Prep** Chris McCain, Senior Technologist, Application Networking and Security	**HOL-2501-02-VCF - VCF Operations - Getting More Out of It!** | Darryl Shorts, Staff Technical Adoption Manager, Broadcom
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	**VMware{code} NUC Lab: Build Your Own Affordable VCF Home Lab**				
9:45 AM - 9:55 AM	Break				
9:55 AM - 10:25 AM	**Key Experiences and Why Planning is Everything** | Morgan Jones, Leader, San Diego VMUG & William Grismore, 27 Virtual		**Protect, Secure, and Recover Your VMware Hybrid Cloud** | **Druva**	**How to Be an Influencer** | Corey Romero, Senior Community (vExpert) Manager	**HOL-2530-01-VCF - VMware vSphere 8 - What's New** | Dave Morera, Staff Technical Marketing Architect, Broadcom
9:55 AM - 10:25 AM	**Protect, Secure, and Recover Your VMware Hybrid Cloud** | Brian Bloch, Senior Sales Engineer, Druva				
10:25 AM - 11:00 AM	Coffee Break and Networking in Exhibit Hall				
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	**Best Practices for Operationalizing VCF** | Darryl Shorts, Staff Technical Adoption Manager, Broadcom		**From Chaos to ANS Broadcom Control: Deploying NSX Firewall in a Live Production Environment** | Gael Aberlenc, CHU de Nîmes, France VMUG	**Exclusive Advantage Session: AMA** | William Lam , Distinguished Platform Engineering Architect, VCF, Broadcom	**HOL-2570-01-ANS-L: VMware vDefend Firewall Getting Started** | Chris McCain, Senior Technologist, Application Networking and Security
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	**VMware{code} NUC Lab: Build Your Own Affordable VCF Home Lab**				
11:45 AM - 1:00 PM	Lunch in Exhibit Hall				
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	**General Session Opening**				
	Fireside Chat | Hock Tan and Chris McCain, Broadcom				
	VCF Journey's Unfiltered: Real Stories from Real Users | Matt Heldstab, Justin Sider, Marc Crawford, Eric Kubla, Wil Gonzalez				
	Progress Powered by Community | Brad Tompkins				
	Closing				